



# American Cultures Workshop

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**1. Choose three groups that have different racial, cultural, national, or ethnic backgrounds and do one activity each for two of the groups**

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**The focus will be Mexican, Venezuelan, and European (UK) Nationalities**

# Mexico

1a. Go to a festival or other event and report what you learned



## Somerton Annual Tamale Festival

- There's beef, chicken, pork, turkey, corn and spinach tamales, also fruit tamales like date, strawberry, etc, some vendors make shrimp or other tamales
- Vendors include restaurant owners, non-profit organizations, and families who join and prepare tamales for the crowd
- Arts and crafts vendors will also be at the festival, along with musical entertainment
- It's sponsored by ASU to raise money for scholarships

## Tunes and Taco Festival

- Presented by the City of Yuma, the Tunes & Tacos Festival is Yuma's largest food and entertainment event drawing more than 20,000 people.
- People can browse local businesses and craft vendors,
- They can enjoy amazing fair style food, and drinks



Somerton Tamale Festival  
Video



Tunes and Taco Festival  
Video

# Venezuela

1c. Talk to someone about the culture and heritage belonging to the group and report what you learned

- Venezuela is a lively and socially active country containing many Spanish customs
- Many of its citizens hold family values or are family-oriented
- Over half of its citizens are Catholic
- Many buildings are within walking distance and there are many family-friendly activities around
- Many catholic holidays are celebrated as well as their Day of Independence, and Carnival



[Interview on Venezuelan Culture](#)

# Recap of Venezuelan Culture Kahoot

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[Kahoot Link](#)

## 2a. If one of the three groups had always lived isolated, what would the city or country look like today?

If the UK remained an isolated country it would be overpopulated with Christian and many Christian schools and churches. With many people living their everyday lives going to church and families with jobs.

History of  
Great Britain





**2b. What might it be like if all of the groups lived with each other at the same time?**





- The population would mainly celebrate or have spanish culture and foods
  - The primary languages of the population would probably be Spanish and english



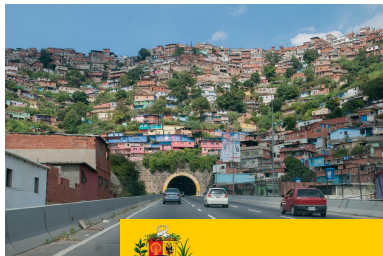
- A majority of the population would believe in the Christian or Catholic faith
  - This means there would be many religious schools and churches



- Many people in this population would probably be more of the extrovert type as well
  - This is due to their culture and social values



United Kingdom



Venezuela



Mexico

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**3. Compare the differences  
between the social customs and  
religions of the three groups**

# Mexican Society

## Religion

- Catholicism (82.7%)
- Protestantism (6.6%)
- Jehovah's Witness (1.4%)
- Other Religion (1.9%)
- Unaffiliated (4.7%)
- Unspecified (2.7%)

## Social Customs

Mexicans are largely sociable, friendly and warm, and expect a minimum of a handshake when meeting. Two women may kiss on one cheek, and two men may hug instead in social settings.



Mexican Culture

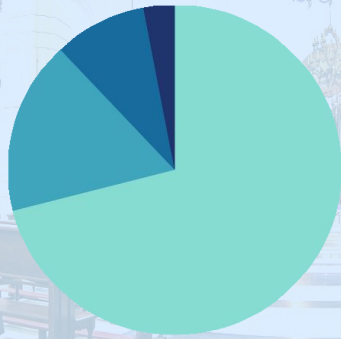
# Venezuelan Society

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## Social Customs

When greeting others in Venezuela it's respectful to greet the oldest person there. Greetings in Venezuela can be different based on gender. With women greet with a kiss on each cheek. With men greet with a handshake and a smile. Most Venezuelans follow the patriarchy meaning that men are more likely the source of income for their families.

## Religion



Catholic 71%

Protestant 17%

Unaffiliated 9%

Other 3%

# UK - European Society

## Social Customs

The British are punctual. Being late is odd and, in some cases, considered to be rude. In the UK, it's acceptable to keep one arm's length between yourself and those you are speaking with. When greeting a good friend or family member in UK, you do not simply shake their hand.



## British Social Etiquette

## Religion

53.6% Christian

40.2% Non-religious

30.3% Agnostics

9.9% Atheists

6.2% Other

**4. Explain a contribution made to our country by three different people, each from a different racial, ethnic, or religious background.**

# Susan B. Anthony

## Women's Rights Activist

Born February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts, Susan B. Anthony grew up in an American family as an activist believing everyone was equal under God. She made many speeches for the abolition of slavery. In 1851 Susan met Elizabeth Cady Stanton, beginning her fight for women's rights. Susan was a good leader and even co-founded the American Equal Rights Association with Stanton. After the 14th and 15th amendment were passed they formed the National Woman's Suffrage Association. She died March 13, 1906, just a few years before the 19th amendment was passed.



[Biography of Susan B. Anthony Video](#)





Susan B. Anthony Kahoot

# Walt Disney

American Entertainer



Walt Disney, in full Walter Elias Disney (born December 5, 1901, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.—died December 15, 1966, Los Angeles, California), was an American motion-picture, television producer, and showman, famously known as the pioneer of animated cartoon films and as the creator of cartoon characters such as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. He also planned and built Disneyland, an amusement park that opened near Los Angeles in 1955, and before his death he had begun building a second park, Walt Disney World, near Orlando, Florida which opened on October 1, 1971. The Disney Company he founded has become one of the world's largest entertainment conglomerates.

[Biography of Walt Disney Video](#)

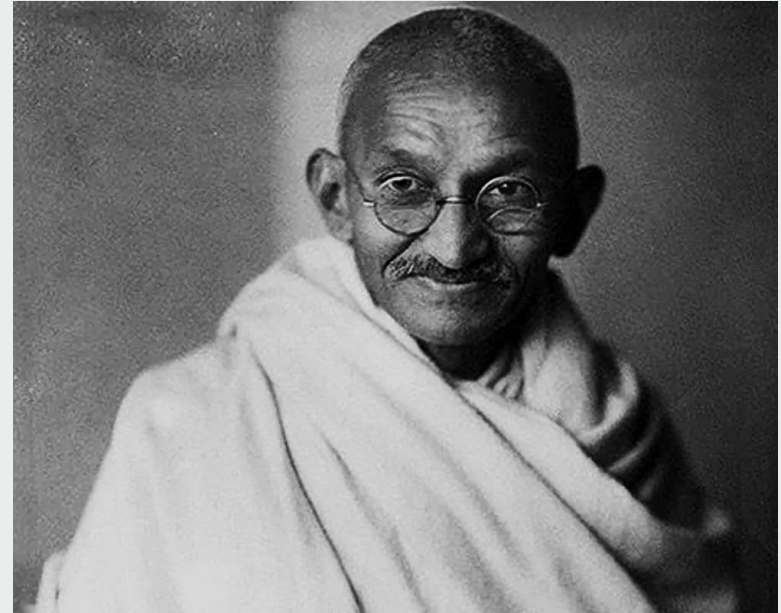


Walt Disney Kahoot

# Mahatma Gandhi

## Politician

Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, at Porbandar, India in the present-day Indian state of Gujarat. The magnitude of Gandhi's public role in social and political reform was such that, his ideas and movements were discussed in American and European newspapers, magazines, books, and radio. His work was keenly followed by top politicians and statesmen across the globe. Gandhi died January 30, 1948, in New Delhi, India. Mahatma Gandhi was the leader of India's non-violent independence movement against British rule and in South Africa who advocated for the civil rights of Indians. Gandhi studied law and organized boycotts against British institutions in peaceful forms of civil disobedience.



[Biography of Mahatma Gandhi Video](#)



**Mahatma Gandhi Kahoot**

## 5a. How have people from different groups gotten along with each other?

- Join the jamboard and write down how people have gotten along together and add some examples

# Ways groups have gotten along together

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- Having common interests
- Finding a mutual understanding/respect for each other
- Growing and developing around each other making it easier to understand the other party
- Appreciation/admiration for a group (and its culture etc)
- Facing similar struggles

## 5b. What can be done to help groups better understand each other?

- Join the jam board and write down what you think can be done so groups can help better understand each other and add some examples





**Questions?**