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Classwork  
History

## THE NACIREMA

The Nacirema live on the continent of North America. They have many interesting customs that we will look at in this article.

The Nacirema do many things that they think make them look better. Every day men use a sharp knife to scrape their faces so that they might look beautiful for women. Women will often bake their heads in small ovens to prepare for a meeting with a man or even just to go grocery shopping. Another sign of beauty for some Nacirema involves injecting a poisonous liquid into the skin to change its color.

When a Nacirema gets sick the practices get even scarier. If a Nacirema is sick, she will visit a special holy person. This holy person will wear a strange mask, hat, and cape. The Nacirema will be put to sleep and while they are sleeping the holy person will use knives to cut them open! Then the holy person will cut the sick part out of the Nacirema's body. Sometimes the holy person will even put the sick body part into a jar to study!

Another interesting part of Nacirema culture is their diet. They often eat at a place called "Sdlanodcm." At this place they eat sandwiches made from many parts of an animal: toes, necks, and even butts! These sandwiches are covered in strange red, yellow, and green sauces. They eat these sandwiches with strips of vegetable that have been cooked in giant tubs of bubbling fat. To drink with this strange meal the Nacirema buy bubbling water mixed with brown syrup. Eating this food all the time can make the Nacirema very fat.

Beauty and all of the customs related to it are clearly important to the Nacirema. This has been a small look at their culture, but there is still much to learn.

Please list as many adjectives as you can to describe Nacirema culture. List at least 5, but keep going if you have time:

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## 20 Questions

1. How many birthdays does the average man have?
2. Do they have a fourth of July in England?
3. Why can't a man, living in New York City, be buried west of the Mississippi River?
4. If you only had one match, and entered a room where there was a kerosene lamp, an oil heater and some kindling wood, which would you light first?
5. Some months have thirty days and some have thirty-one days. How many months have twenty-eight days?
6. If the doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
7. A man builds a house with four sides to it, a rectangular structure. Each side has a southern exposure. A big bear comes wandering by. What color is the bear?
8. How far can a dog run into the woods?
9. How many outs are there in each inning of a baseball game?
10. I have in my hand two U.S. coins which total 55 cents. One is not a nickel. Please keep that in mind. What are the two coins?
11. A farmer had seventeen sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?
12. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10. What is the answer?
13. What was the name of the President of the United States in 1990?
14. Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?
15. The archaeologist who said he found a gold coin marked 46 B.C. was either lying or kidding. Why?
16. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark with him?
17. A woman gives a beggar fifty cents. The woman was the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
18. Is it legal in California for a man to marry his widow's sister?
19. True or false: water boils at 220 degrees Fahrenheit.
20. A clerk works in a butcher shop. He is 6 feet tall, 25 years old, and has an average build. What does he weigh?

## Answers to 20 Questions

- One
- Yes
- No because he is living
- The Match
- All
- 1 Hour
- White. It is a polar bear and he is on the North Pole
- Half way because after that he is running out
- 6
- Nickel and a Half Dollar
- Nine
- 70
- This one I just accept any answer
- 2 Apples
- I just skip this one because it is too confusion to explain B.C.E and C.E
- None. Noah was on the Ark
- This is a little tricky but the answer is the beggar is the woman's sister.
- No because the man is dead
- I skip this one as well.
- Meat