

# Student Culture Worksheet

## Investigating Your School Community

As preparation for our upcoming class, we would like you to investigate your school community to identify **three key student cultures** before the course starts. You will be using this information for one of your assignments. Since the course meets during the summer, you will need to gather your information in advance.

What is “culture”? We define it broadly: as you consider the cultures represented in your school, some examples might include “youth”, “skateboard”, “Goth” or “jock” culture. Culture can also be represented in different religious, ethnic, or racial identities. You might also choose to investigate sexual youth cultures: straight edge, GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender).

You can speak with students and colleagues to help you develop your cultural “snapshot” for each group. You can also consider information that you have gathered from student discussions in class. Try to answer as many of the questions for each group as you can.

Use the worksheet for your notes and to keep track of your verbal conversations and observations.

	Culture group #1:	Culture group #2:	Culture group #3:
1. What are the general beliefs, attitudes and values about sex among members of this group?			
2. What terms do students in this group use for "sex", "sexual activity" – e.g. do students in this group use the term "hooking up" or something else?			
3. How do students in this group know when they are ready for sex?			
4. Are students in this group sexually active? What does "sexual activity" mean to students in this group?			
5. Where do students in this group engage in sexual activities?			

Other observations: