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APPENDIX V: EMC/MC Culture Kits

Contemporary Culture Kits

The MC department in collaboration with OMA, are reviewing and updating the culture kits as powerful teaching tools for engaging students in hands-on exploration of culture.

Each kit will have standard based multicultural plans, contemporary MC Literature, artifacts to be used as an integral part of students learning.

Resources also need to be included into the kit, providing background information on countries and cultures along with lists of resources, people, books, and instruction.

The current kits have limited and outdated information on the countries, cultures, and regions presented. Most of the information limits itself to a tourist perspective on the cultures; (“Five Fs”) food, fashion, folklore, famous people, and fiestas. If we stay in Five Fs without a proper understanding of what culture is, misconceptions and biases about “culture” will continue to abound.