Cultivating Empathy through Open-Minded Cultural Inquiry

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Description-Interpretation-Evaluation

DESCRIBE
- Describe the situation in specific, concrete terms.
  - What occurred? What happened in the situation?
  - Where did the situation occur? When did it occur?
  - What did you experience? What did you see? Who acted and what did they do? What did you hear? Who spoke and what was said?
  - Who else is involved or may become involved in the situation? Who else is affected or may be affected by the situation or circumstances?

INTERPRET
- What was your reaction to the situation?
  - What do the words and actions mean to you?
  - What adjectives describe your experience of the situation?

SEVEN ELEMENTS OF CULTURE
- Social Organization (e.g., family, class systems)
- Customs and Traditions (e.g., rules of behavior, norms, rules or laws)
- Religion
- Language (e.g., spoken, written, dialects)
- Arts and Literature (e.g., art, music, literature, folk tales)
- Forms of Government
- Economic Systems
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EVALUATE

• Evaluate what you experienced.
  ▪ What positive or negative feelings did you have while experiencing the situation?
  ▪ What positive or negative feelings did you have after experiencing the situation?

Open-Minded Cultural Inquiry

• Suggest possible solutions and propose taking informed action.
• Pose questions for further inquiry.