

Ethnic & Religious Groups

How well do you
REALLY know the
difference?



Prove It!

- Create a list of as many **characteristics** and **examples** of **ethnic** and **religious** groups as you can.
- We will compete in groups to see which group **knows** the difference between ethnicity and religion the **best**.
- May the most knowledgeable group win . . .

ETHNIC

RELIGIOUS

Brainstorm

- First, get your brain in gear and think of some **examples & characteristics** to share with you group.



Brainstorm

name

Ethnic

Religious

*** NOTE: You will be turning this paper in. Write neatly.**

NON-Examples

name

What is NOT a characteristic or example?

NOT Ethnic

NOT Religious

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Brainstorm

name

Ethnic

Religious

Brainstorm

- Read the handout with “**Ethnic Groups**” at the top to help you with your list.



ETHNIC GROUPS

An ethnic group is a group of people who share cultural ideas and beliefs that have been part of their community for generations. They often share the same characteristics that their parents and grandparents shared – such as language, history, food, music, stories, beliefs, and celebrations. Common interests bind them together and sometimes influence or shape their actions. Members of an ethnic group often feel close to each other because they share the same culture and their ancestors came from the same country or area. In fact, the word "ethnic" comes from the Greek word *ethnos*, which means "people" or "nation".



Perhaps the easiest way to understand what an ethnic group is is to point out what it is not. For example, a U.S. driver's license is not an ethnic group because many different people can have a driver's license. Similarly, a person's religion is not an ethnic group because many different people can be of the same religion. However, a person's ethnicity is a characteristic that is passed down from their ancestors. For example, a person's ethnicity may be – Caucasian,

Underline characteristics and examples of ethnic AND religious groups

African American, Asian American, Hispanic, etc..

A family is not an ethnic group. Members of a family have the same ancestors and

How did you do?

- Create a **group list** of all your examples and characteristics.
- We will compete to see which group has the **longest list** and **knows** the difference between ethnicity and religion the **best**.
- Other groups will have the chance to check your work.
- If they **disagree** with something you've written down, they will put a **small "X"** next to the word.

Brainstorm

name

Ethnic

Religious

- Go back to your original brainstorm list.
- Add as many more examples and characteristics as you can.