

“Cultural competence” describes our ability to interact effectively with people who have cultural experiences, beliefs, practices, values ways of communicating and traditions that are different from our own.

Awareness:

- Being comfortable with the differences that exist between ourselves and people we encounter and not presuming our values and expectations are superior.
- Understanding that we cannot make assumptions based on our very limited sets of cultural experiences
- Seeking assistance from a member of a new culture who can help us understand the community and how to interact respectfully

Knowledge:

- Understanding the cultural, political and social factors that influence how people from another culture interact and communicate
- Being aware of and navigating the power structures related to social class, gender, race, caste and so on
- Identifying specific information about another culture that will improve communication and mutual understanding

Skills:

- Learning about multiple aspects of a culture through research, tutoring, participation and collaboration
- Communicating accurately and appropriately through speech, gestures and writing (including seeking assistance from community members when necessary)

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Watch the film and note characters, scenes and quotes who/that demonstrate the three elements of cultural competence:

AWARENESS

KNOWLEDGE

SKILLS