

# LEARNING AND CULTURE

## The Culture of My Community

### AXE HANDLE ACADEMY: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PLACE?

**Directions:** Use this form to take short notes. It is not necessary to write all responses. Skip those that you or your guest do not know. (32 questions)

Questions	Your Response	Guest:
1. Define the limits of your bioregion. Be able to justify the boundaries you choose.		
2. Trace the water you drink from precipitation to tap and from tap to ultimate disposal.		
3. How many days until the moon is full (plus or minus a couple of days)?		
4. Describe the soil around your home.		
5. What are the primary subsistence techniques of the culture(s) that live in your area?		
6. Name five native edible plants in your bioregion and their season(s) of availability.		
7. From what direction do winter storms generally come in your region?		
8. Where does your garbage go?		
9. How long is the growing season where you live?		
10. Name five trees in your area. Which of them are native?		

11. Name five resident and any migratory birds in your area.		
12. What is the land use history by humans in your bioregion during the past century?		
13. What primary geological events/processes influenced the landforms where you live?		
14. What species have become extinct in your area?		
15. What are the major plant associations in your region?		
16. From where you are reading this, point north.		
17. What spring wildflower is consistently among the first to bloom where you live?		
18. What kinds of rocks and minerals are found in your bioregion?		
19. Were the stars out last night?		
20. Name some other beings (non human), which share your bioregion.		
21. How many people live next door to you? What are their names?		
22. How much gasoline and other fossil fuels do you use a week, on the average?		
23. What kind of energy costs you the most money? What kind of energy is it? What portion of your use of energy does it account for?		

24. What plans are there for development of energy or mineral resources in your bioregion?		
25. What people are indigenous to your region?		
26. Distinguish between inhabitant and transient populations of people in your region.		
27. What languages are spoken in your region? Which are indigenous and which are immigrant languages?		
28. Name seven prominent land forms in your region. Whose language is used for those names?		
29. Identify the political / governmental boundaries that divide your bioregion.		
30. Evaluate the effects of these divisions on the life of your region.		
31. Identify one other bioregion and compare and contrast it with your own.		
32. Give five aspects of your life that are independent of your bioregion. Are any of them supported by the earth elsewhere?		