

# LEARNING AND CULTURE

## The Culture of My Community

### AXE HANDLE ACADEMY: HOW WELL DO YOU COMMUNICATE?

**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. (19 questions)

Questions	Your Response	Guest:
1. Give three factors that you can control which will slow down your response time while speeding up the response time of those you talk with.		
2. Describe the pathway of an electronic mail message from sender to receiver. Name the major agencies involved.		
3. How many minutes of the evening news broadcast on television are devoted to news, how many to advertising and other activities?		
4. Name three films that have pioneered significant new film technologies.		
5. Write a short letter in three formats: 1.) as a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, 2) as a letter to your Congressman in Washington, 3) as a letter to a personal friend.		
6. Describe the differences between chain and network communication and hub and wheel communication. Indicate the main advantages and disadvantages of each.		
7. You are planning an event in your community. How would you publicize it? Which media are most effective in terms of getting the desired results for the time and money spent?		
8. What percent of the words		

you hear or read in a day are generated within your community?		
9. What percent of the words you speak or write in a week are generated within your community?		
10. What percent of the words you speak, write hear or read are in a language other than English?		
11. If you have something you want your grandchildren to know and pass on to their grandchildren, how would you communicate it to them?		
12. Describe the path of a news story from its origin to your home.		
13. Describe the path of a story you originate to its publication in a magazine.		
14. You need to find out about something from an elder. What pattern would you use to facilitate communication?		
15. Identify five stages of the writing process.		
16. Trace the pathway of a book from research to reading. Identify the major institutions or agencies involved along the way.		
17. Describe the configuration of expectations and behaviors that will allow you to present yourself best in a job interview.		

<p>18. Give three strategies you can use to slow down someone who is speaking to you without generating a sense of hostility in the process.</p>		
<p>19. You are organizing a meeting of parents, teachers, and students. Discuss five factors that you would alter to make it easier for all to listen to the point of view of the students. Now do the same thing to make it easier for all to listen to the point of view of the teacher. Do the same for parents.</p>		