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# ERDT WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM CROSS-CULTURAL SCAVENGER HUNT

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**Have fun!**

Be sure to write clearly and complete at least 4 pages fully. If you need help, contact Emily at 310-450-4624 or [emily@erdtworkandtravel.org](mailto:emily@erdtworkandtravel.org).

You can read a lot about U.S. culture at: [www.wikipedia.org/wiki/u.s.a](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/u.s.a).

If you aren't interested in completing the entire scavenger hunt, it's OK, just use this as a guide for ideas of things to try during your stay!

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# PART 1: MUSIC

Many kinds of music originated in the U.S., such as jazz, blues, country, bluegrass, rock, folk, funk, hip hop, rap, singer/songwriter, gospel, musical theater (Broadway), R&B, rap, New Age, and swing.

Choose one of the kinds of music listed above, and attend a performance of this music. Try to find a free performance, or get a student discount! You might try a school, library, coffee shop, bar (if you are old enough!), church, festival or community event. If you need help finding a performance, contact ERDT.

Answer the questions below.

1. What kind of music did you go see? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What kind of place did you hear this music in? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the people in the audience? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What instruments were played? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did this music remind you of any other kinds of music? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name 5 kinds of music that did not originate in the U.S.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



## PART 2: FOOD

Americans are very proud of our food! The funny thing is, most of the food we eat is not even from the U.S.A. So many different cultures of people live in the U.S. that it is normal for Americans to eat food from different countries every day of the week (without even thinking about it!).

Which country does each of the below foods <u>really</u> come from?	
Pizza	_____
Tacos	_____
Fries	_____
Teriyaki	_____
Fried Rice	_____

1. Find a restaurant that serves food you are used to eating in your home country. (It doesn't have to be food from your home country, it could be an international chain, or food from another country like pizza or tacos).

What kind of food did you choose? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the menu different in the U.S. than what you'd find in your home country? How?

\_\_\_\_\_

Does the food taste different? How?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Try a food that you have never eaten before.

What kind of food did you choose? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you like it? Why or why not?

\_\_\_\_\_

## PART 3: YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Choose ONE and complete the activity. Check the box next to the one you picked. If you need help with any of the below, contact ERDT and we'll be happy to help.

- Find a volunteer opportunity in your community. You might ask at the local library, [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org), [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org), [www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org), find a local blood bank, food bank, soup kitchen, or animal shelter or ask to find out if there is a beach cleanup day in your area. Remember to stay safe, and not to enter into any commitment that you can't complete.
- Attend a religious service in your area. Check the newspaper or phone book for a listing of services.
- Call the local police department to ask if you can ride along with an officer as he is on patrol. In addition to learning about how law enforcement works in the U.S., you might get to see different areas of your community.
- Open House: Go to [www.trulia.com](http://www.trulia.com), enter your location, click "Show me only Open Houses," and click "Search." This will bring up a list of homes that are for sale in your area, with open houses. In an open house, a real estate agent (home salesperson) has a set time that they will be at a house they are trying to sell, so that interested buyers can come look around. Most open houses are open to anyone. It's a fun way to see how people live in the U.S.!
- Baseball, the U.S. National Pastime: You might not want to spend your hard-earned money on expensive Major League Baseball tickets, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy some baseball while you are in the U.S. Ask around, or go to <http://www.milb.com/milb/info/geographical.jsp> to see if there is a minor league baseball team in your area.
- Attend an air show, where professional pilots and teams of pilots display their flying skills and acrobatics. Air shows often also feature tours of old planes. To find out if there is one in your area, go to:  
<http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/airspacemag/airshow/>
- Monster Truck Rally / Demolition Derby Like big trucks and loud noises? Ask around to see if there is a monster truck rally or demolition derby in your area during your stay. Often times these happen at local fairs and carnivals, or they may tour to your area.
- Go to a rodeo (a cowboy show) [www.rodeoz.com](http://www.rodeoz.com) has an interactive map where you can find rodeos in your area.

## PART 4: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Who is the current president of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

What party did the current president run under? \_\_\_\_\_

What year is the next presidential election? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the 2 senators for your state? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many representatives does your state have? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your state capitol? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your state governor? \_\_\_\_\_



## PART 5: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The United States has been a leader in scientific research and technological innovation since the late 1800's. Name ten things in the place where you are living or working that were invented in the U.S.A.

*Hint: do a Google search for "things that were invented in the U.S.A."*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_



## PART 6: MULTICULTURALISM

Nearly all Americans or their ancestors immigrated to the U.S. within the past 500 years! In this section, your goal is to fill in the blanks below with 15 different countries that represent the ethnic background of your American co-workers, neighbors and friends. We've given a few examples in the chart below.

You'll probably find that most Americans have more than one country in their heritage (see "Judy" below). Remember not to repeat a country (you can re-use the sample countries), AND remember that you can only use "U.S.A." if the person is a Native American (American Indian), Native Hawaiian or Native Alaskan.

Person's Name	How do you know him/her?	Country
(sample) Judy	(sample) My co-worker	(sample) Germany
(sample) Judy	(sample) My co-worker	(sample) Russia
(sample) Greg	(sample) My landlord	(sample) England
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2.		
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