

## "Roots" — The Diversity Game

**Level 4** — (This activity should follow the information-gathering about the stories and history of the students' ancestors.)

**Research** — Tell students to prepare their personal answers to the following questions ahead of time: Have available one or more of the following: maps of North America and a World Map (preferably a Peter's Projection Map – available from Friendship Press-NCCC), a Globe of the world, a World Atlas, and refer students also to Encyclopedias and Travel Guides for the countries they are researching.

1. How far did your ancestors come to the place where you now live? (miles, time zones, etc.)
2. How different from English is the alphabet of your ancestors' language(s)?
3. What food is the country (countries) of your ancestors famous for?
4. What does the ethnic costume/form of dress of your country look like?
5. How many of your relatives came to the U.S./Canada/Mexico?
6. What kind of jewelry or body adornment is common in your country?
7. What is the climate like? How is it different?
8. What is the geography of your ancestral home like?
9. What is the biggest city in the country of your ancestors? Population?
10. What is the population of the country from which your ancestors came?
11. Did your ancestors suffer any hardships, prejudice or persecution in their former country, or when they came to this country?

**The Diversity Game:** In class, ask the following questions and give prizes for the answers. (One option is to give out one token for each "winning answer" and then tally them up at the end. The person with the most tokens wins a prize.) If the class is large, you may divide into teams, but should try to have as much diversity as possible on each team

1. Whose ancestors came the farthest?
2. Whose came from the most "exotic" place? (This is subjective, take a vote)
3. Whose ancestors had the most different language(s)? Most different alphabet? Which language has the most letters or characters?
4. Whose ancestors are famous for the spiciest food? The blandest food?
5. Whose ancestors wore the most colorful clothing? The least colorful?
6. Whose male ancestors wore something other than pants?
7. Whose female ancestors wore the most interesting jewelry? (Vote?)
8. Who had the greatest number relatives who emigrated from another country?
9. Which climate was the coldest?
10. Which climate was the hottest?
11. Which climate was the wettest?
12. Which country had the highest mountains?
13. Which had the most seacoast?
14. Whose ancestors came from the biggest city?

15. Whose ancestors came from the country with the biggest population?

Declare a winner(s). Give out a pre-chosen prize.