

ETHNOCENTRISM

**WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL VIEWS
HIS/HER ETHNIC GROUP
AND/OR SOCIAL STANDARDS
AS BEING SUPERIOR TO OTHERS**

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

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Ethnocentrism means that an individual tends to view his or her ethnic group and/or social standards as being superior. Because of this view, many individuals think they can act as they please around other societies or cultures. They feel they can abuse or ignore the beliefs or feelings of others because they believe their own ethnic group and/or social standards are superior--superior being right, and everybody else being wrong.

Answer these questions:

1. What is an ethnocentric? _____
2. Why is it important for all of us to study other cultures? _____

3. Why do you think we are commonly called "The Ugly American" in many countries? _____
4. How might an ethnocentric act if he or she worked for an individual of another race or ethnic background? _____

5. How do students who are ethnocentric sometimes act at school? _____

6. Would it be likely that an ethnocentric would take suggestions from people of different ethnic backgrounds? _____ Why? or Why not? _____

7. How would an ethnocentric student learn from a teacher of a different race or ethnic background? _____
8. Do you think an ethnocentric person has difficulty separating fact from opinion? _____ Why? or Why not? _____
9. What affect does a person's attitude have on ethnocentrism? _____
