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**Intro to Sociology**

**Body Ritual among the Nacirema**

**Main Groups: As you read Horace Miner’s cultural study of the Nacirema, be sure to *underline* and *annotate* important passages with your own commentary. Then, thoughtfully respond to the questions.**

1. **Who is Miner *actually* describing? Why do we not recognize this right away? What do you think was his point in writing this article?**

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1. **Using Miner’s approach, describe a sporting event, shoppers in a supermarket, a high school classroom, or a first date.**

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1. **Explain how this article would have been different if it had been written in 2015, as opposed to 1956. What do these differences suggest about *culture*?**

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**Sub-Groups: Now that you’ve read & analyzed the article, you’ll need to examine how theorists from each of the three major theoretical perspectives would have viewed Miner’s work. For each of the perspectives, use *evidence from the text* to support your response.**

1. **What would theorists from the Structural-Functional perspective say about the article?**

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1. **What would theorists from the Social-Conflict perspective say about the article?**

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1. **What would theorists from the Symbolic-Interaction perspective say about the article?**

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**Independent Response: Based on your work with this activity, what is the value of *cultural examination*? In what ways could this process be useful in our modern American culture?**

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