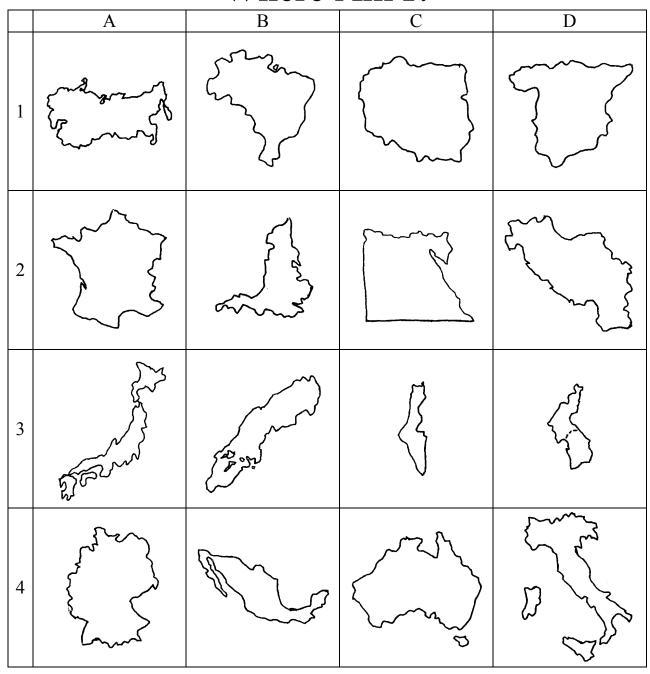
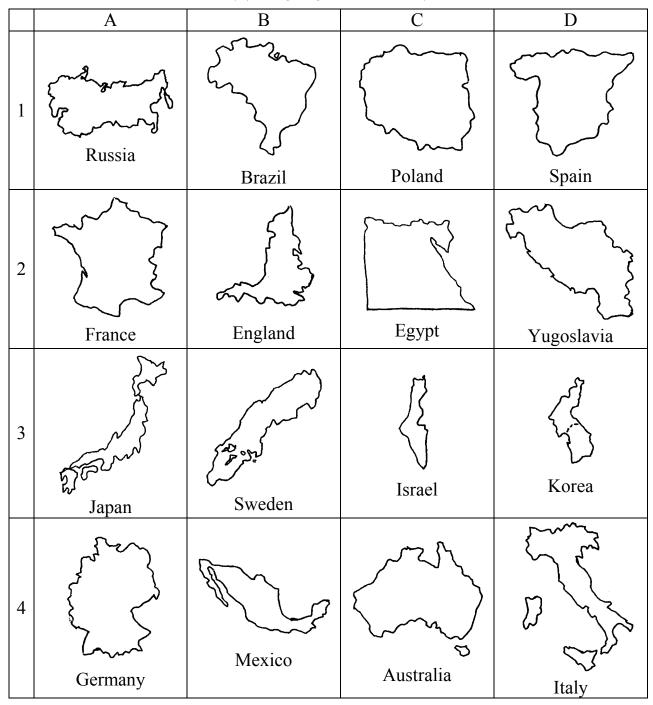
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Culture Data Sheets

For Use with the Lesson, National Customs

Directions: Each nation listed here has four customs or facts which are distinct to that nation which may be of use to you in developing your report. The letter/ number next to each country refers to the grid coordinates on the map page.

Al: RUSSIA

- ✓ After 8:00 p.m., in almost every restaurant, an orchestra plays music while the guests dance.
- ✓ Religious observance is on the rise in this previously Communist headquarters.
- ✓ This nation has approximately 278 million people, the world's third largest population.
- ✓ This nation is the world's leading producer of barley, cotton, wheat, and sugar.

A2: BRAZIL

- ✓ The national dish of this country is black beans served with a variety of meats and with rice. (Feijoada)
- ✓ This country is the fifth largest in the world.
- ✓ Carnival is a five-day celebration held just before Ash Wednesday marked by street parades, Samba and Bloco dancing, parties, costumes, conga drums, and music.
- ✓ When visiting this country, be polite by arriving a few minutes late.

A3: POLAND

- ✓ When visiting, it is the custom to bring an odd number of flowers to the host.
- ✓ The Roman Catholic Church is a strong political force in this nation.
- ✓ Only 4% of the people of this nation own automobiles.
- ✓ Most dentists in this nation are women.

A4: SPAIN

- ✓ The titles 'don" and "dona" are used with the first name to show respect.
- ✓ Freedom of religion was granted in this country in the early 1970's.
- ✓ During July and August nearly all people go on a vacation of 3 to 4 weeks.
- ✓ This nation has the second highest average altitude in Europe.

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B1: FRANCE

- ✓ Cooking is considered to be an art in this nation. The people here spend over one third of their income on food.
- ✓ A world famous bicycle race takes place in this country every year -Tour de France.
- ✓ This nation is the largest country in Western Europe.
- ✓ Over 50% of the electricity of this nation comes from nuclear energy.

B2: ENGLAND

- ✓ Taxes take about 40% of one's total annual income.
- ✓ Tea and beer are popular drinks in this country.
- ✓ The Romans conquered this nation in 55 B.C.
- ✓ The pound sterling is the standard unit of money in this nation.

B3: EGYPT

- ✓ "Bakesheesh" or tipping is considered an act of "sharing the wealth."
- ✓ Men in this country wear skullcaps and often grow a short beard.
- ✓ Arabic is the official language of this nation.
- ✓ The <u>Koran</u> prohibits this nation's people from consuming pork and alcohol.

B4: YUGOSLAVIA

- ✓ In religious beliefs 30% are Catholic, 40% Eastern Orthodox, and 10% Muslim.
- ✓ The 1984 Winter Olympics were held in this country.
- ✓ This country is currently undergoing massive political wars and breakup.
- ✓ The money of this nation is in units called "dinar" and "para."

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Cl: JAPAN

- ✓ People of this culture bow to each other, and guests should bow as long and as deep as the host.
- ✓ The people eat from a bowl held at chest level instead of placing the bowl on a table.
- ✓ Most people go to school and work for long hours six days a week.
- ✓ Until recent times young people of this nation did not date before marriage.

C2: SWEDEN

- ✓ The population growth of this nation has reached zero, making it one of the lowest in the world.
- ✓ The Nomadic Lapps live in the northern part of this country.
- ✓ On Easter the children of this nation dress up like witches and go from door to door collecting candy.
- ✓ The work week of this nation is 30.2 hours, the shortest in the world.

C3: ISRAEL

- ✓ "Shalom" is a greeting of peace which means either "hello" or "goodbye."
- ✓ Because residents have come from so many lands, the official language is Hebrew.
- ✓ The Sabbath of this nation is observed from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.
- ✓ Marriages in this nation often consist of hundreds of guests and a band.

C4: KOREA

- ✓ Inventions of this nation include the first movable metal-type printing press and the first ironclad warship.
- ✓ This land is traditionally known as the land of the morning calm.
- ✓ This country is divided into north and south sections.
- ✓ This nation has many televisions but few telephones, because phones are too expensive for most people.

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DI: GERMANY

- ✓ Most people here prefer beer or wine with their meals and seldom drink water.
- ✓ One out of every ten books in the world is published in the language of this country.
- ✓ The main meal of the day is served at midday and consists of soup, a main dish, and dessert.
- ✓ The nation is the world's third largest producer of cars.

D2: MEXICO

- ✓ The hot, spicy food of this country is referred to as *picante*.
- ✓ The capital city of this nation is the most populated city in the world.
- ✓ A national holiday of this nation celebrates a great victory over a French army in 1867.
- ✓ This nation is the world's second largest producer of silver.

D 3: AUSTRALIA

- ✓ Men often call their friends by the word "mate."
- ✓ Aborigines are minority group in this nation.
- ✓ The average family home in this nation has five rooms.
- ✓ This country is the sixth largest in the world.

D4: ITALY

- ✓ A guest should not volunteer to help with the dishes in this culture.
- ✓ The Vatican, the headquarters of the Catholic Church, is located in this nation.
- ✓ Divorce in this nation is granted by law only after five years of legal separation.
- ✓ Pasta, fish, meat, vegetables, and fruit make up the main meal of the day.