

## **DIVERSITY**

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Fourteen-year-old Alexandra Greene recently moved to England from the United States. The change of lifestyle inspired her to write several paragraphs about the idea of culture. These paragraphs express Alexandra's insightful look into both the virtues of British culture and the virtues of the American culture she grew up in.

### **CUSTOMS**

We always eat together as a family. Then we go around the table and say what was good during the day and what was bad, starting with the person who sits in the front that day. For Christmas, I always go to New York or England and spend time with family and friends. That is fun. I always look forward to it. I do gongyo every morning and evening. For Easter, I usually go to Mexico after the Easter Egg Hunt. On Fridays, I meet my mom at a restaurant or a movie theater. I love spending time with my family.

### **NEW TRADITIONS**

My dad comes over whenever he can for dinner. I like this new tradition. I have to share an art class with my sisters. I don't like this tradition. I just started chanting. I have to get up very early every morning. This is a tiring experience. I am on an all-star basketball team. I am very proud of myself. These are my new traditions.

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE**

My grandma lived through World War II. I am proud of that because she didn't get hurt. She also can tell stories of how horrible it was. So then we hopefully don't have to live through it again. My family are fighters. We have had a very serious case of cancer. But some of them from the starting point to the end, had a time of 12 years. My grandma held on for eight years because she wanted to see me grow up. I am the oldest grandchild on my dad's side of the family. I am very proud of them.