**Brainstorming: Culture & The Rules of the Game**

*Directions: The purpose of this worksheet is to help you brainstorm some ideas for creating your game piece. Think about the experiences you’ve had so far, and answer the questions to help formulate the some ideas!*

Culture Definition: noun

1.the quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what isregarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc.

2.that which is excellent in the arts, manners, etc.

3.development or improvement of the mind by education or training.

4.the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group:

*the youth culture; the drug culture.*

5.*Anthropology.*the sum total of ways of living built up by a group ofhuman beings and transmitted from one generation to another.

Some Examples:

**Gender** (Male, Female, Other Identification, etc.)

**Ethnicity** (Chinese-American, Black, Pakistani, African-American, Dominican, Aerican-Indian, etc)

**Religious Affiliation** (Muslim, atheist, Christian, Jewish, agnostic, Hindu, etc.)

**Interest-Based** (soccer player, video gamer, Anime enthusiast photographer, musician, etc)

**Politics-Based** (Republican, Democrat, Independent, liberal, conservative, progressive, etc.)

**Geographic** (Northerner, Southerner, Californian, Pitssburgher)

**School-Based** (sports groups, social groups, friend groups)

1. What are some cultures from which you belong? Make a list – but leave room to write next to each one. Use the definition from above as a guide if you feel stuck.
2. What “rules” or expectations exist for these cultures? Write these rules next to your list in chapter 1 – or, if you need space, use another sheet of paper.
3. What “benefits” does one receive by being a part of these cultures?
4. What “obstacles” does one receive by being a part of these cultures?
5. Begin thinking about your “game piece” – what cultures have you described that you think you might want to use? You can combine several of the cultures if you like. Also – you can use a culture that you would like to explore for this project even if it is one that you DO NOT identify with.

What cultures will you use for this project?

1. Draw and/or list some ideas for what your game piece will look like, and what it will “do” (in an imaginary game). Use extra paper if you need it.