Other Culture Group Assignment

Purpose
This assignment will require you to study a culture that is different than your own. Please choose culture or subculture that the majority of the class is not familiar with, or at least does not have a direct connection to. If you are having problems, come and see me. I need to approve all cultures to make sure that there are no duplicates, and to help guide you on the particular aspects of this culture you will be focusing on. Each group will submit a one-page proposal for this assignment.

You should have at least four sources. These may include (but not limited to) the Internet, magazines, newspapers, books, library sources such as Info Track, Lexus Nexus, etc. I would strongly suggest that you include at least one interview of a person or people from this particular culture.

You will submit a one page proposal detailing what your group will present. In three to five sentences give me a general idea of the culture you will present, and why you think it is important or interesting to the class. After the paragraph please list, in bullet form, what each family member will be responsible for including sub topic, as well as preparation duties. Check the syllabus for the due date.

Presentation
Each group will present a 25 - 30 minute presentation. You will detail three to six different aspects of this culture (see below for a list of suggestions). You should turn in one speech outline for your group and should include visual aids in your presentation. Your presentation should consist of 10 –15 minutes of oral presentation (two to three minutes per person), with the remaining time left for some kind of activity (game, discussion, food, music, etc.) that will reinforce our understanding of this culture. Make sure you have an introduction and a conclusion to your presentation, and make sure that there is a clear distinction between your speech and your activity. Make it interesting, educational, and fun. This presentation is worth 100 points.

Topics
The following are some topics you may want to consider including. This is not a complete list by any means, and you don’t need to include all of these: Dating and marriage customs, family roles, language / terms / expressions, Gender roles, Nonverbal Communication, customs & traditions, rules for emotional expression, costume / clothing, stereotypes about this group, music / dance, foods, significance of time, use of space, entertainment, etc.

Grading
You will be assigning 50% of the points given to your tribe grade to each of your group members. In other words, each of you will be judged by the others based on how much you contributed to the overall project.