

Describe a Multicultural Society:

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Multicultural societies provide ways for us to grow more intellectually and to further understand our own humanity. Multicultural societies teach us different ways that cultures live and speak. Through our interpretation, we can learn how to relate our customs to their; then we can explore opportunities that exist through our interaction with multiple cultures, and try to overcome all of the conflicts that are created by our noticeable differences.

Immigrants who come to live in a multicultural society provide many benefits to America, because they are able to integrate their culture into American culture. They get to keep their traditions and customs that they were brought up with from birth and blend them into a new and diverse culture. However, some things like religion can't be changed because it is, in a spiritual sense, their guiding light as to what is right and wrong. Learning to accept other people's religion enables Americans to understand their character better, so that we can become a more friendly and tolerant people. Just like in most societies, family is important too because it is easier to achieve social acceptance as a group rather than as an individual. However, immigrants seem to realize and comprehend this better than Americans, because they feel they have attained a new ray of hope and a chance for success, while Americans take success for granted. Families also help to keep their customs alive that seemingly are passed down from their ancestors. These customs form a chain of beliefs and daily practices that are passed on to others as time goes on. These traditions such as birthdays, new years, and parades, such as the Saint Patrick's Day and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, live on so we can all feel a little piece of the world.

Language, another important factor in a multicultural society, is a written and spoken means of communication. Every civilized culture develops a language of its own. Therefore, we as an integrated culture have to go beyond our native language and learn some of the others, which lets us work together in an environment that might otherwise be hostile because of misunderstandings. If we can all understand one another than we can work together to solve many of the world's problems, even develop cures for the various diseases of the world and work toward attaining world peace.

Each person has a little different story to share with the world because we are all unique. Therefore, by pairing up with our brothers and sisters of other nations we can learn from their varied experiences the needs and concerns of society as a whole. Cooperation between groups can help to avert many problems faced in life, and to keep us thinking of better ways to govern ourselves, live freely, and yet safely. A lot of what we learn from birth is etched into who we are and who we turn out to be, but tolerance is something that grows on us over time, and with an open frame of mind we can create a more peaceful and friendly society.

Multiculturalism provides us with many opportunities for many things, ranging from political freedom to personal growth, to education, and to business. Having the freedom to blend our customs with other customs adds to our personal growth and makes us a more tolerant people. Education, an important factor in multiculturalism, provides us with the building blocks to learn and better understand the world around us. With time and patience, we can all help each other learn. A better understanding of the world around is important in the business world, because many Americans do business with many different countries throughout the world. If an employer has an individual with a

specifically needed cultural background, the business can use that person to provide market support for a particular product or service. The immigrant's home country might then believe that the company is interested in what they have to say because they hired one of their own.

Through all the positive aspects that a multicultural society can have, there are many conflicts that can follow because of language barriers, stereotyping, discrimination, racism, and crime. Language barriers are the biggest hurdles to overcome in a mixed society. People always want to feel that they are in control of their own surroundings, and when people from another land come to America and start speaking their language, they lose some of that control, therefore causing agitation. That language difference, unfortunately, encourages stereotyping. Some people get the incorrect notion that immigrants do not care about the customs of the land they have immigrated to and therefore judge them according to their nationality and not according to their merits. For instance, when someone from a specific country commits a crime, people think that their whole immigrant population is bad. The same goes for people of different races. All these conflicts lead to many problems, but at least self-improvement is possible by moving up the social ladder through education, which is the starting point for achieving job success. Then we can truly connect to the world.

In conclusion, if we all take the time to give each other a chance, and not be so fast to make judgement based on superficial things, such as language and race we can learn many new things. Our society advances through new customs and beliefs, and makes us here in America truly a land of the people. Anything that is worthwhile takes time, and time is what we make of it.