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The Nacirema: Interpreting Cultural Practices

Please define the following in your own words:

Ritual:

Shrine:

The author, Horace Miner, states that Nacirema value rituals of the body. Give two examples of evidence the author uses to support his theory.

What surprised you or disturbed you the most about the Nacirema? Why?

Some of the Nacirema's body rituals seem very painful. Why do you think they continue to practice these rituals?

Describe two similarities and two differences between the Nacirema and citizens of the modern United States.

Similarities	Differences

] Does the author show any opinion or bias in his report on the Nacirema? Give an example from the article to show where you think the author is being objective/unbiased OR biased/opinionated.

AFTER DISCUSSION: Why did we read this article?