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## **Cross-Cultural Presentation**

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## Agenda

- What is culture?
- American, Chinese & Nigerian Cultures
- Optical Illusions
- Cultural Dialogue Activity
- Team Building Activity
- Cultural Transition
- Debrief



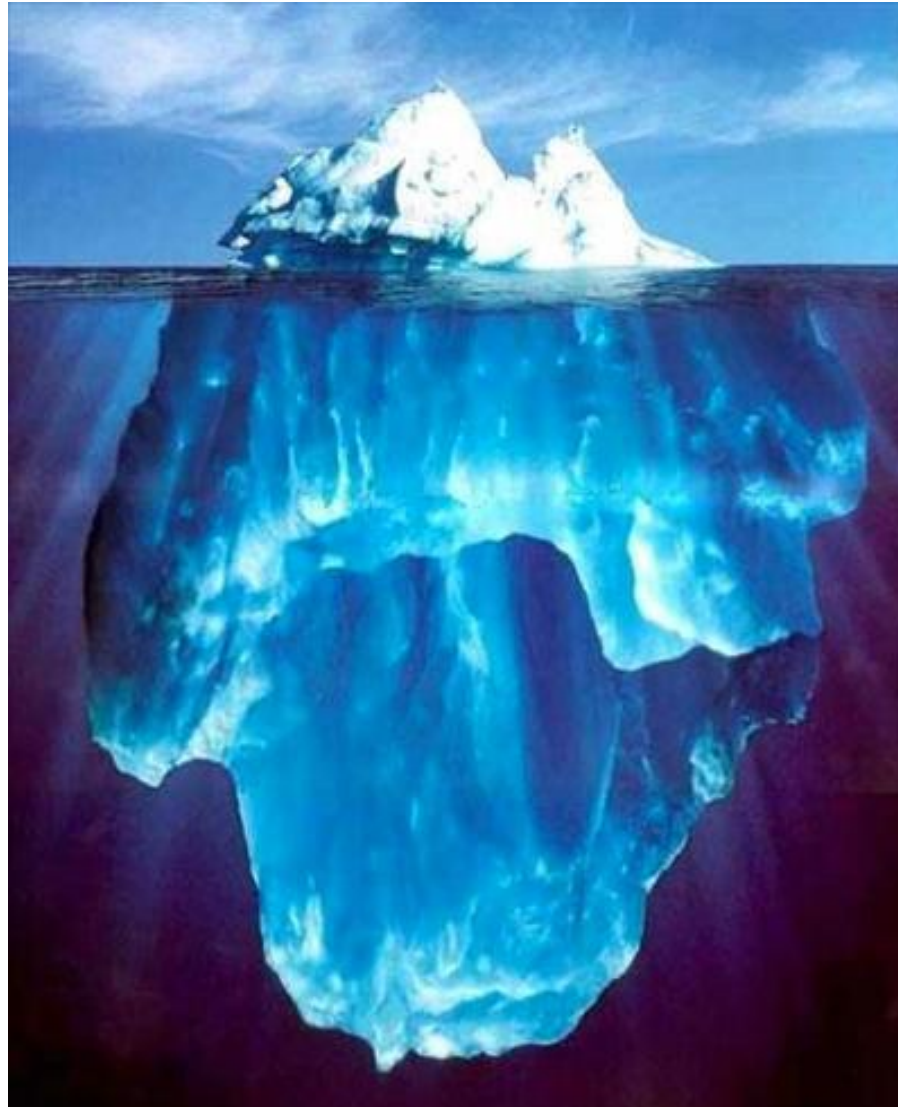
# Introduction



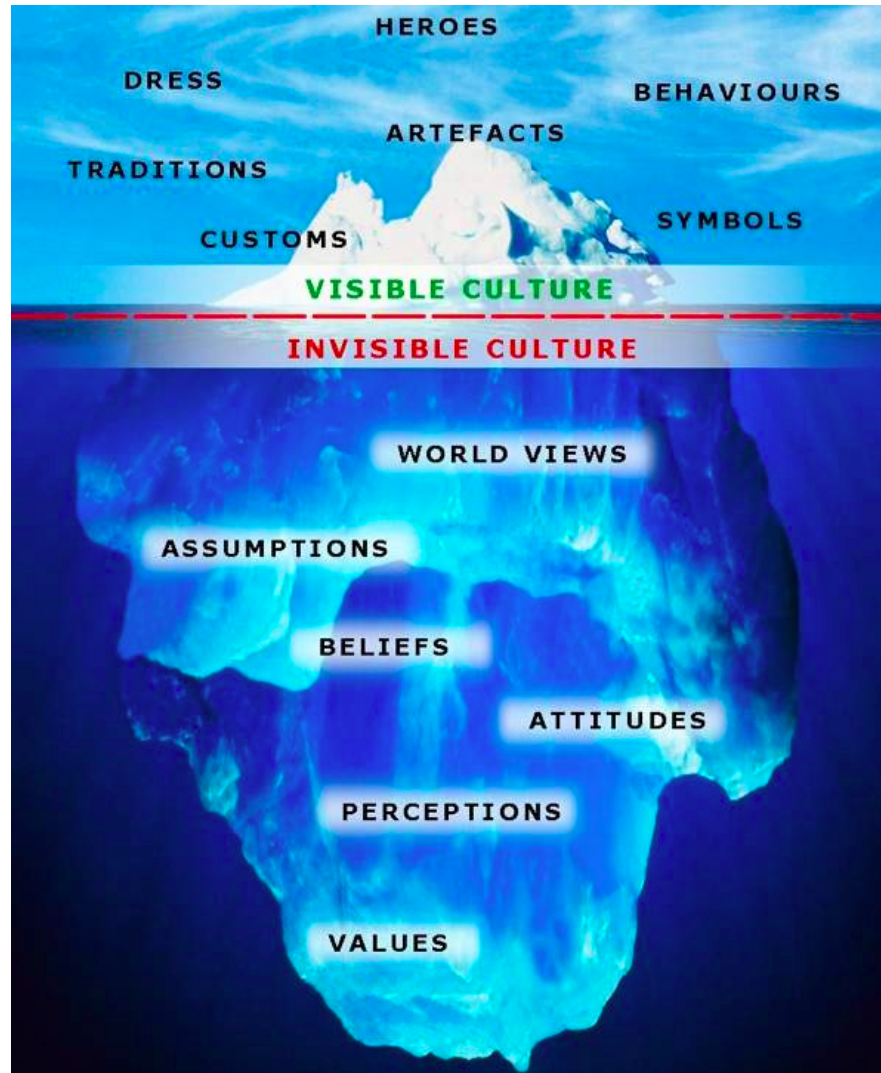


## Tree = Culture?

- Look at your tree. Share with a neighbor the details of your picture.
- Do all of the trees look **different**?
- Did you include **roots**?
- If you did not, how come? Was it because you usually don't see the roots?









# American Culture







## American Culture

### Visible

- Food
- Clothes
- Language
- Clothes

### Invisible

- Religion
- Values
- Work Ethic
- Relationships





## Chinese & Nigerian Culture

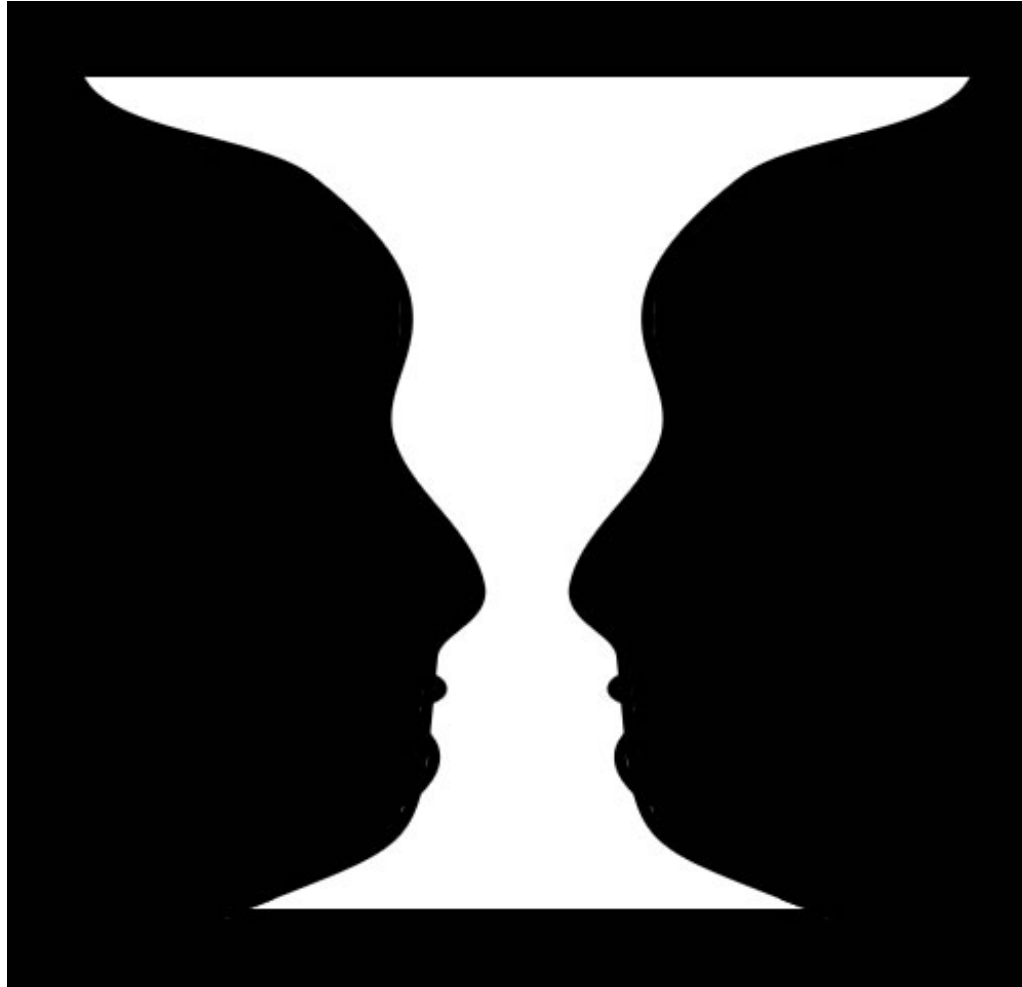
- In a circle, share with your team members 1 thing **new** you have learned since your arrival about:
  - **American** culture
  - **Chinese/Nigerian** culture







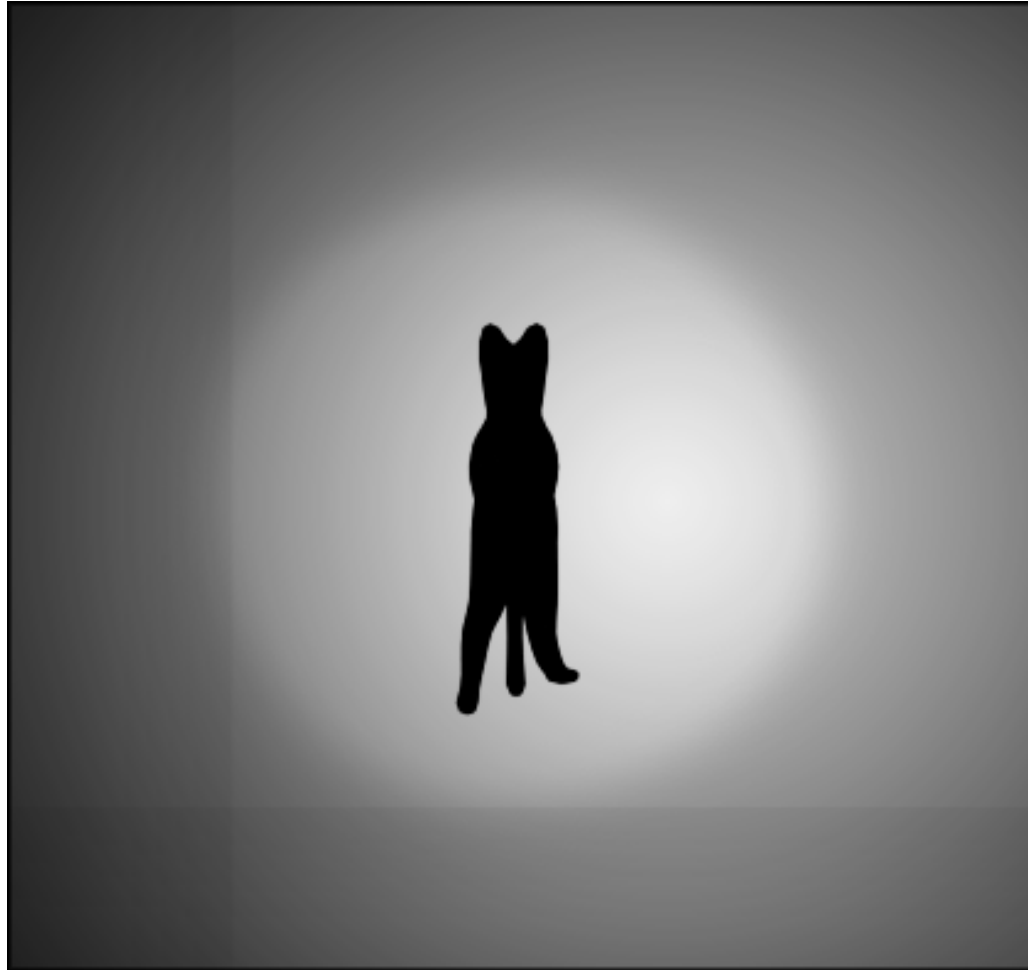
# Optical Illusions







# Optical Illusions





## How is this culture?

- Brain develop “**highways**” or “**roads**”
- Culture is:
  - Behavior
  - Problem Solving
  - Socializing
  - Relationships
- New cultures can **play tricks** on our minds





## Culture Dialogue Activity

- Interview 2 people you don't know
  - 1 from your own culture
  - 1 from the another culture





## Culture Dialogue Activity

- Pick **1 question** to ask each person:
  - Should children live on their own when they turn 18?
  - What do you do when you see someone on the street that you know?
  - How do you answer the question, “Hi, how are you?”





## **Culture Dialogue Activity Debrief**

- What did you learn?
- What surprised you?
- What was interesting to you?



## Tower Building Activity

- Team Activity
- This game requires **SILENCE. NO TALKING!!!**
- Each team member has a role:
  - 5 Designers
  - 5 Builders
  - 5 Observers

**GOAL:** Build the tallest tower possible. Must be able to stand on it's own.



## Tower Building Activity

- 5 Designers
  - As a group, you have 5 minutes to **draw and design** your tower
- 5 Builders
  - As a group, you will then have 5 minutes to **build** the structure
- 5 Observers
  - As a group, you will observe the **process** of your group



## Tower Building Activity

- Materials
  - 1 piece of rope
  - 2 marshmallows
  - 3 pieces of thread
  - 3 pieces of tape
  - 10 pieces of spaghetti
  - The floor





## **Tower Building Activity**

- Designers: Start Designing!!!
- Builders: Start Building!!!

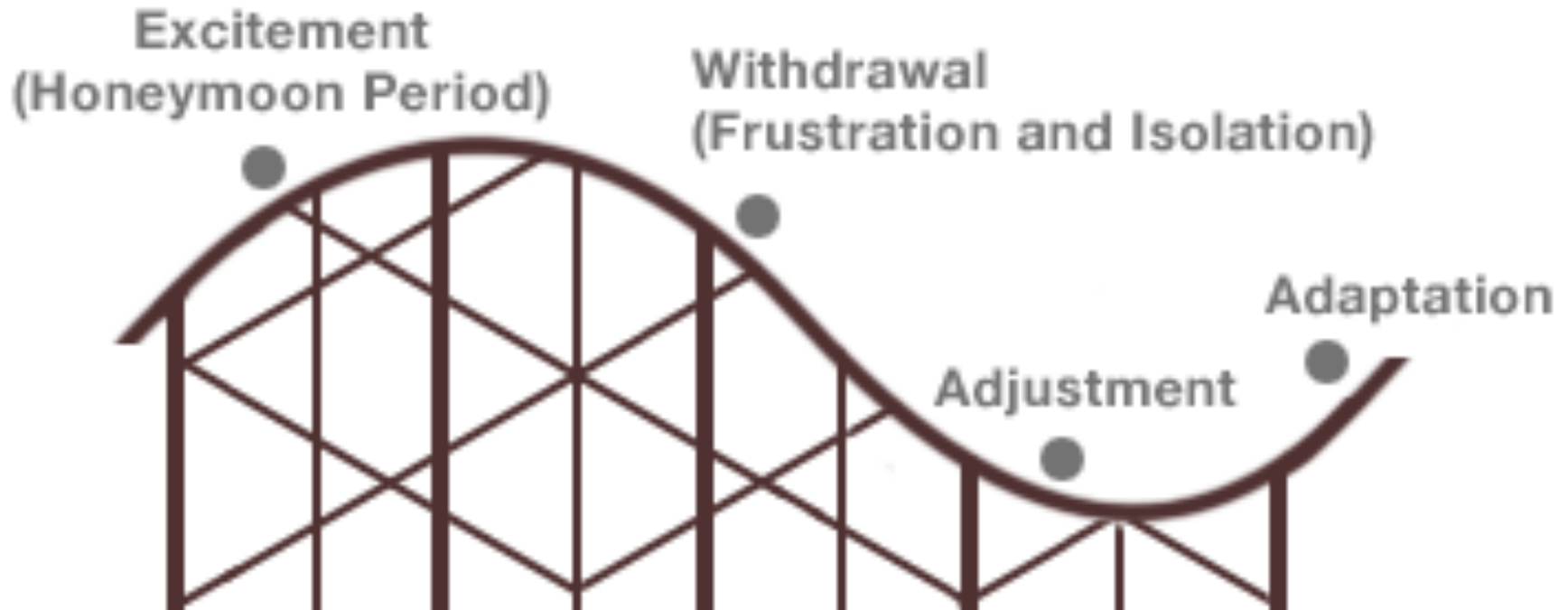


## **Tower Building Activity Debrief**

- How did the designers work together?
- How did the builders work together?
- Did the builders follow the plan of the designers?
- Why was this activity difficult?



# Cultural Transition





# Excitement







# Withdrawal





# Adjustment





# Adaption





## Cultural Adjustment Process

- Individual timeline
- Seek support from Family & Friends
- Talk to GSA or OSM
- Challenge yourself
- It's okay!!



## Cross-Cultural Presentation Wrap-Up

- Culture is complicated
- Understand & Learn from each other
- Communication is the key to success
- Seek Help & Guidance
- Ask questions!!





# Questions or Concerns?

