

Writing Assignment: Intercultural Film Analysis

Study the communication that occurs between the characters in the film *Gran Torino* and identify the effects of cultural patterns and perception of others.

In other words, you are to come up with a short description of the communication that occurs within that culture, but from the vantage point of your own cultural point of view.

Some questions that you should answer are:

1. What does the film indicate about the **cultural patterns** of the Hmong culture?
(Remember that *Cultural patterns* are defined as shared beliefs, values, norms, and social practices that are stable over time and that lead to roughly similar behaviors across similar situations. They affect perceptions of *competence* and provide a basic set of standards that guide thought and action. Additionally, cultural patterns may be seen in a culture's approach to the following orientations: *activity* orientation, *social relations* orientation, *self* orientation, *world* orientation, and *time* orientation.)
2. How do the cultural patterns affect interpersonal communication and/or intercultural competence?
3. What events are presented in the film that describe appropriate **nonverbal communication** in the Hmong culture?
4. What differences do you notice between the interpersonal communication portrayed in this film and what you might find in a similar setting in your culture?

Please note: make sure you use your textbook as a reference for this assignment. In other words, your writing should reflect an understanding of course material and reflection on its meaning in the real world. Your answers should give evidence from the film and reasoning from textbook concepts.

Regarding length, this writing assignment should long enough to cover the topic adequately and concise enough to be clear. Please make sure you back up your conclusions with examples from the film.

Please upload this assignment by clicking on "Writing Assignment: Intercultural Film Analysis" above and then clicking on "browse computer" in the assignment to upload. This assignment is due by Sunday at midnight.