

## Multiple Choice Questions for Grades 9-12

Questions derived from the text: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiculturalism>

- Pick the best definition of multiculturalism.
  - Multiculturalism refers to how ethnic diversity impacts identity, ideas and government policies.**
  - Multiculturalism refers to lesbians, gays and the disabled.
  - Multiculturalism refers to a community that has people of more than one culture.
  - Multiculturalism refers to minorities and underrepresented people groups.
- Which statement would 19<sup>th</sup> century Continental Europe agree with?
  - Cultural separation is a threat to society.**
  - Students must be educated in the continent's primary language.
  - Minority and regional languages are not important.
  - Ethnic cleansing is a must.
- Pretend you are a supporter of multiculturalism debating non-supporters. Overall, what would you argue about multiculturalism to win the debate.
  - Multiculturalism fights racism.
  - Multiculturalism protects minorities.
  - Multiculturalism empowers minorities to succeed and take full advantage of their civil liberties and freedoms.
  - Multiculturalism creates opportunities for people so that they can live life to the fullest while expressing their true identity in society.**

## Essay Questions for Grades 9-12

- Robert D. Putnam argues that multiculturalism decreases trust in a community. Based on your experience and the multicultural climate of your community, would you agree with him or disagree with him?
- Compare the Canadian government's position on multiculturalism with the United States government's position on multiculturalism.
- Formulate a short speech with three key points in which you inform opponents of multiculturalism about the benefits of multiculturalism.
- School systems across the United States are rewriting their curricula so that it reflects diversity. They want minorities to feel welcome and represented in the classroom. Is this necessary? Why or why not? Defend your position.