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**“Body Ritual Among the Nacirema” – Reading Activity**

1. Annotate the text while you read.

* Circle unknown words/terms. Use context clues to make a guess about the definition of the words/terms. Write your definition in the margins.
* Underline key ideas or ideas that seem significant and can help you understand the meaning of the text. Make notes in the margins as needed.

1. What, **in your opinion**, is the central idea of the text?
2. Give three reasons/details/pieces of evidence as to why you believe that is the central idea.
3. There are many unknown words/terms in this text. For the following, make a guess based on context clues as to what the definition is.

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| Term | Context Clues | Definition Guess |
| Shrine |  |  |
| Charm-Box |  |  |
| Font |  |  |
| Latipso |  |  |
| Holy-Mouth-Man |  |  |

1. What does the author, Horace Miner, seem to think about the Nacirema?
2. How do you know this? Find three details that Miner uses to support his ideas about the Nacirema.

**Reading Reflection Questions- These are INDIVIDUAL questions.**

1) Who are the Nacirema? When did you discover the joke?

2) What point do you think Miner is trying to make by writing this article?

3) How does “Body Ritual Among the Nacirema” help us understand:

a) our own view of other cultures?

b) how we are viewed by other cultures?

4) What are three examples of practices in other cultures that we find odd and hard to understand?

a.

b.

c.

5) What can we do to avoid making assumptions about other cultures?