# HOPETALKS A CONVERSATION GUIDE "Culture and Community **DEAschool**



### SPARK A CONVERSATION

## Let's Talk About "Culture and Community"

What does the word "culture" mean to you?

Which values are most important to your culture or community?

Are there laws in your country that you believe are unfair?

Why do you think those particular laws exist?
Does culture play a role here?



### CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

# Dive Deeper Into "Culture and Community"

- How many different cultures are there in your country?
- Discuss your culture's traditions with someone. (Example: babies, birthdays, food, weddings)
- Discuss your cultural social customs and norms with someone. (Example: eye contact, personal space, greetings, time, rude or taboo topics)
- Are these social customs or norms different for men and women, and are they different for elders or young people?
- What expectations does your culture have about family (structure, life, etc)?
- What expectations does your culture have about work and school?
- Would you prefer to live in a mono-cultural or multicultural society?
- For two people who come from different cultures:
  - 1. What are the cultural similarities and what are the cultural differences between you?
  - 2. What do you admire about each other's culture?



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