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## Preschool in Three Cultures---Viewing Guide

### Concepts from the film

1. Collectivism is a cultural orientation focused on orientation focused on the group membership that emphasizes obedience and conformity (beliefs and behaviors align with the group).
2. Individualism is a cultural orientation focused on independence and self-expression.
3. Socialization is the process by which people acquire the behaviors and beliefs of their culture
4. Socialization is not limited to parents.
5. Peers and schools influence socialization of the child.
6. Values of the culture influence schooling through teacher behaviors, rules and child activities

### **Chinese Preschool**

1. What is the student ratio?
2. What activities at the school promote collectivism or a sense of group membership?
3. Using what you have learned in this class, how can this “context” affect ones behavior or personality?

### **Japan Preschool**

1. What is the student ratio?
2. According to the Japanese teachers, why is conflict among children helpful?
3. What is the purpose of mixed-child interaction?
4. What theorist discussed in class is most likely to support mixed-child interaction?
  - a) Piaget
  - b) Freud
  - c) Vygotsky
  - d) None of the above

### **US Preschool**

1. What is the student ratio?
2. What activities at the school promote individualism?
3. How do teacher interventions differ in the US school compared to the Japan school?
4. What theorist is most likely to support using one’s own language (cognitive tool) for self-expression?