

## AMERICAN CULTURES MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the American Cultures merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/american-cultures/>

Scout's  
Name:

Choose THREE groups that have different racial, cultural, national, or ethnic backgrounds, one of which comes from your own background. Use these groups to meet requirements 1, 2, and 3.

**REQUIREMENT 1:** Do TWO of the following, choosing a different group for each:

Three groups that have different racial, cultural, national, or ethnic backgrounds, one of which comes from your own background

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**REQUIREMENT 1 A:** Go to a festival, celebration, or other event identified with one of the groups. Report on what you see and learn.

Group	Date

Event and location

Notes

**REQUIREMENT 1 B:** Go to a place of worship, school, or other institution identified with one of the groups. Report on what you see and learn.

Group	Date
Place name and location	
Notes	

**REQUIREMENT 1 C:** Talk with a person from one of the groups about the heritage and traditions of the group. Report on what you learn.

Group	Date
Person's name and position / title (if applicable)	
Notes	

**REQUIREMENT 1 D:** Learn a song, dance, poem, or story that is traditional to one group, and teach it to a group of your friends.

Group	Date
Song, dance, poem, or story name	
<input type="checkbox"/> Taught it to a group of your friends	
Notes	

**REQUIREMENT 1 E:** Go to a library or museum to see a program or exhibit featuring one group's traditions. Report on what you see and learn.

Group	Date
Place name and location	
Notes	

**REQUIREMENT 2:** Imagine that one of the groups had always lived alone in a city or country to which no other groups ever came. Tell what you think the city or country might be like today. Now tell what you think it might be like if the three groups you chose lived there at the same time.

What you think the city or country might be like today

What you think it might be like if the three groups you chose lived there at the same time

**REQUIREMENT 3:** Tell about some differences between the religious and social customs of the three groups. Tell about some ideas or ways of doing things that are similar in the three groups.

Differences between the religious and social customs of the three groups

Some ideas or ways of doing things that are similar in the three groups

**REQUIREMENT 4:** Tell about a contribution made to our country by three different people, each from a different racial, ethnic, or religious background.

Person's name	Group

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Person's name	Group

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Person's name	Group

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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Give a talk to your Scout unit or class at school on how people from different groups have gotten along together. Lead a discussion on what can be done to help various groups understand one another better.

Place and location

Scout Leader or Teacher or Adult Name

Phone

Scout Leader or Teacher or Adult Signature

Date

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Approved

What can be done to help various groups understand one another better