# HUM 100 Worksheet: Relationship Between Human Creative Expression and Culture

**Part 1:**

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| **Artifact** | **Reason** |
| Reba (TV series 2001-2007) | This television show revolves around a divorced mother who is now the sole head of her household. After some time, she is also faced with her ex-husband’s problems and helps to guide him and his new wife through hardships as well. Reba embodies the strength of modern single mothers against the conflict they are forced to face every day. |

**Part 2:**

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| **Ethnic Group Example** | **Universal Human Experience Example** |
| Since this “model minority” is “invisible” as it’s life story is subsumed within the northern European Protestant family, the challenges and hardships faced by Asian Americans are not recognized by the wider society. | One day, Lindo uses her wit and sees an opportunity to leave this awful marriage without dishonoring herself or her family. This story becomes a source of inspiration as it speaks about the empowerment of a teen-aged girl who uses her intelligence to leave an oppressive relationship. |
| **In one to two sentences, answer the following question:** Based on the description in the article [Making Asian American Women Visible: The Joy Luck Club](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/grace-jisun-kim/making-asian-american-women-visible_b_6177570.html), what influence might Tan’s novel, and similar artifacts, have on broader American culture? Can you think of another artifact that has had a similar impact?  I think that the influence Tan’s novel might have on broader American culture is understanding and revelation based on the ethical points that it sheds light on. For example, it was said in the article that at one point in Chinese history rape victims were expected to marry their offender or be dishonored. This is simply not acceptable by today’s standards, especially with the frequency of such violent crimes today.  Another artifact that is similar to this one is Anne Frank’s diary. Most people knew the general horrors that stemmed from the Nazi occupation of Germany, but Anne familiarized with the intricacies of their hatred and the constant hardships that Jewish people had to endure during this time. Because there are overarching themes that apply to everyone’s life throughout both Tan and Anne’s novels, they have similar impacts. | |