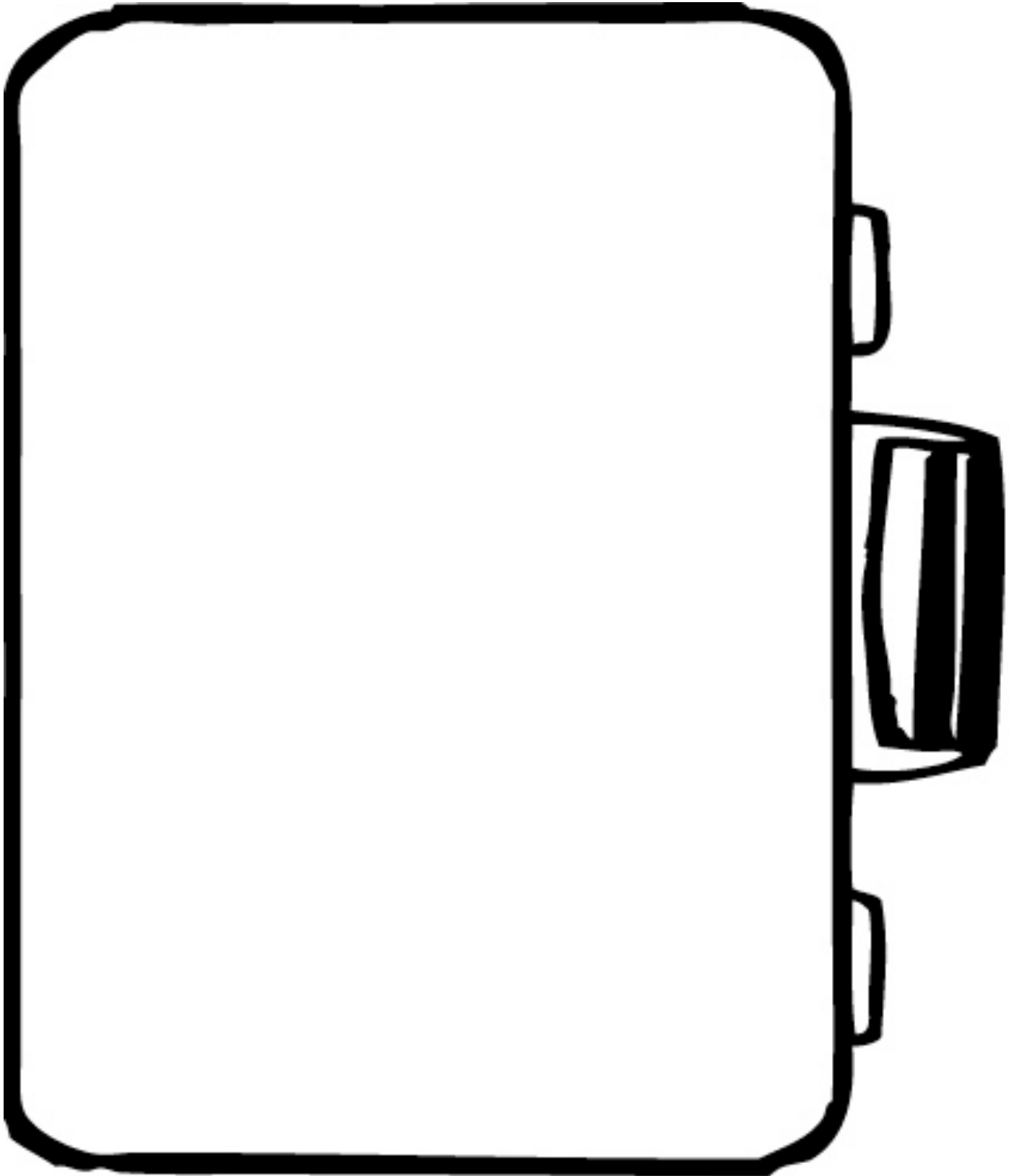


Qu'est-ce que c'est . . . Culture?

Votre Valise

Fill the following suitcase with words, phrases, and images that represent aspects of your own cultural background. Think about the surface aspects and the deeper aspects of your culture and your cultural heritage. If you get stuck, look at the iceberg on the back side to remind you of different parts of culture to consider.



The Iceberg Concept of Culture

Like an iceberg,
nine-tenths of culture is below the surface.

Surface Culture
Most easily seen
Emotional level - low

Food, dress,
music, visual arts,
drama, crafts,
dance, literature,
language, celebrations, games



Shallow Culture
Unspoken Rules
Emotional level - high

courtesy, contextual conversational patterns, concept of time,
personal space, rules of conduct, facial expressions,
nonverbal communication, body language, touching,
eye contact, patterns of handling emotions,
notions of modesty, concept of beauty, courtship practices,
relationships to animals, notions of leadership, tempo of work,
concepts of food, ideals of child rearing, theory of disease,
social interaction rate, nature of friendships, tone of voice,
attitudes toward elders, concept of cleanliness, notions of adolescence,
patterns toward decision-making, definition of insanity,
preferences for competition or cooperation,
tolerance of physical pain, concept of "self",
concept of past and future, definition of obscenity,
attitudes toward dependents,
problem solving roles in relation to age, sex, class, occupation,
kinship, and ...

Deep Culture
Unconscious Rules
Emotional level - intense

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