# *Food as Cultural Identity* – Activity Handout

Read the essay “Food as Cultural Identity”. Working with your group, follow the instructions below to identify and highlight the following:

1. Identify the Thesis Statement. Highlight in yellow.
2. For each body paragraph, identify the main idea/topic sentence. Highlight in blue.
3. Identify the evidence used to support each topic sentence. Highlight in green.
4. Underline the transitions used in each paragraph.
5. Analyze the essay components highlighted above.
6. Evaluate the **thesis statement**:
   * Is the thesis statement clearly stated?
   * Is it effective?
   * Why or why not?
7. Evaluate each **topic sentence.**  Does it connect back to the thesis statement?
   * Does the evidence/supporting sentences support or explain the main idea of the body paragraph? Why or why not?
8. Is there a concluding sentence in each body paragraph?
9. What is the function of the concluding sentence? Is it to summarize or to transition to the next body paragraph?
10. Read and evaluate the concluding paragraph. What is the focus of this paragraph? Is it to summarize the main ideas?
    * Does it connect back to the essay’s thesis statement?