Comparing Cultures

LOW CONTEXT

Majority U.S., Europe Individual orientation

European American/Western Europe

De-contextualized learning: Emphasize words and facts

Implicit Commands

Indirect statements <u>ask</u> children to do what they want

Focus on functioning independently
Helping oneself
Standing out
Personal property
Talking about oneself –

Deductive style of inquiry Emphasize detail

HIGH CONTEXT

70% of the world Group orientation

African/Native Americans, Asian, Latino

Context is key

Connect what's happening to their own experience by telling stories

Learn by observation

Explicit Command

Direct statements tell children what they want them to do

Focus on interdependence and the child as a member of a group Helping others and being helped Fitting in Shared property Being modest about oneself

Inductive reasoning
Focus first on the big picture