

Ideals of Beauty from Around the World

You will be working in your groups to explore how culture impacts our concept of beauty. The examples are there to get you thinking about beauty and see various examples of beauty that are connected to culture. You are encouraged to discuss the questions and complete the chart together, however each group member will be responsible for completing the questions in the right column of the chart on a separate page. The questions can, but do not have to, pertain to the specific example that they are connected to.

Work Periods: January 6 and 7

- You will have these two classes to read the brief information about each topic and complete the chart. The bulk of the class time is intended for you to discuss in groups and record individually your responses to the “question to answer” column.
- At the beginning of class on January 8th (before the discussions) your questions will be checked for completion. They will be handed in at the end of the class on January 8th, as you may want to refer to your answers during the discussion.

Class Discussion Assessment: January 8

- You should be prepared to answer all questions. We will have a class discussion that will begin with each group being asked a question from the “question to answer” column. All members of your group are expected to participate and will be assessed on their participation in the discussion.

Beauty Concept	Why is this concept seen as Beauty to some?	How is/has this concept changing/changed?	Question to answer
Decorative Dress			How do we determine a level or lack of beauty?
Fat-Farms			Where do ideas about body size and shape come from?

Gyaru			If personal taste is something that emerges somewhat chaotically from personal experience and potentially genetics, then how can it belong to oneself and truly be personal?
Foot Binding			Is there a link between concepts we see as immoral and having a lack of beauty?
Guitar Shape			If outer beauty of a person is physically altered, does that impact inner beauty or the overall concept of their beauty?
Skin Whitening			Are beauty and ethics linked?
Maori Tribe Face Tattoo			What is the reasoning or purpose for differentiating between beautiful and ugly?
Long Necks			Is it problematic to take a cultural beauty and make it a tourist attraction?