American Classroom Culture

1. Think and write about what a high school, college or other classroom is like in your country. Questions you might want to think about are below.

- How many students are in the classroom?
- Is the classroom noisy? quiet?
- Who speaks in the classroom? the teacher? the students?
- Do students speak to each other?
- What does a student do if s/he wants to ask the teacher a question?
- Draw a picture on the back of this paper of what the classroom looks like (is the teacher in the front? back? in the middle? are the chairs facing front? back? each other?)
- When is it okay to help other students? during class? during a test?

2. Talk in groups of 3 or 4 (make sure you have people from at least 2 or 3 different countries in your group) about what classrooms are like in your country.

3. What do you think classrooms are like in the United States? (Look at the questions above). Have you ever been in an American classroom?