### **Maturita Card 9: Cultural Life**



#### Is culture a part of your life? Do you keep up with contemporary culture?

Yes, I... follow all the cultural events / go to the cinema / theatre / museums / exhibitions... No, I don't have time... I prefer doing / playing sports to attending cultural events... I'd rather spend time at home... Going to the cinema / concerts is expensive.

#### What type of movies do you usually watch? Why?

I like / prefer to watch / love / adore... comedies / thrillers / musicals / horror movies / dramas / historical films / romantic comedies / animated films / documentaries... because they are entertaining / address interesting issues / are full of suspense / you can learn about life in the past or in different countries.

#### Who is your favourite actor / actress or director? Why do you like him/her?

My favourite actor / actress / director... My idol... The actor I admire / prefer is... I like him / her because... he / she acts well / makes good films / makes me laugh / is very convincing in his / her roles.

# Where do you watch films? Which do you prefer?

I watch films at the cinema / on television / on DVD / on the internet... It's better / I prefer to watch films / I like watching films this way because... I like to stay at home / I can watch what I want / I won't be disturbed by other people... because I can go out with my friends / the seats are more comfortable / the sound and picture quality is better.

#### How much are you influenced by film reviews? Why?

Very much. I read film reviews all the time, and if a good reviewer recommends a movie, I go to see it... They sometimes influence me / I'm interested in the opinion of film reviewers and I might go if they recommend something I've never heard of before. / Not at all, I never read film reviews. Whether or not I like a film is entirely up to me / is my own decision.

#### Do you often go to the theatre? Where have you been?

Yes, I go about once a month with my family / friends. I go rarely and it's mostly with the school. I never go because I hate / can't stand / don't like the theatre. I've been to the National Theatre / the local theatre in my town / to alternative theatres... I've even been to the theatre in I ondon.

#### How different is watching a play at the theatre from watching a movie at the cinema / on TV? Which do you prefer?

A play is very different from a film. A play is more direct / immediate / emotional. A play relies more on the dialogue and acting... A film relies more on camera angles and special effects... A play usually happens at one precise moment... A film can be as long or as short as the director wants... Plays and films are essentially the same... the only difference is that a play is 'live'.

#### What other types of performances can you see in a theatre?

Apart from plays, you can also see pantomimes / operas / musicals / ballet / stand-up comedy / revues / cabaret / dramatic monologues / poetry readings.

#### · Where do you go to see art?

You can see paintings / sculpture / photography and installations... in museums / galleries / art spaces / exhibition spaces / in parks / on the street / in cafes.

#### · Which type of art do you prefer?

I like / prefer / adore... paintings / landscapes / portraits / historical scenes / classical scenes / religious scenes / realistic sculpture / abstract sculpture / photos of real life / nature / Impressionist / Surrealist / Cubist / Abstract Expressionist art.

#### Who are your favourite painters, sculptors and photographers? Why do you like them?

I adore / love... the painter / photographer / sculptor... because he / she is classical / traditional / controversial / innovative / uses bold colours / has a great use of light.

## What types of musical events do you attend? Where are these events held?

I go to rock / jazz / hip hop / classical... concerts / recitals / outdoor festivals / concert halls / entertainment centres / sports halls / pubs / clubs / parks.

#### What styles of music do you like? And what don't you like?

I like / love / adore / prefer / am into... classical music / rock / pop... I listen to... jazz / soul / blues. I can't stand / hate / don't care about... hip hop / folk.

#### Do you play an instrument?

Yes, I play the guitar / the drums / the flute / the saxophone / bass / the piano / the violin.

### Should cultural events (e.g. films, exhibitions or plays) be censored? Why / why not? What's acceptable / not acceptable to display?

Yes, the public should not see violence / sex... even if it is in art... because we must protect children... because it can influence people to do bad things... No, because artists / musicians / playwrights / film-makers have a right to express themselves... they are only representing what happens in reality... art is a mirror to the world... people need to be shocked.

#### Can culture be political or should it only entertain? Why do you think so?

It should be political, because art can say something more powerful than news / books... because politics is part of life and art shows us life... an artist has a right to discuss whatever he or she wants, including politics... No, art is only to entertain / express beauty. Politics in art takes away the beauty of the piece... art should be about more personal themes.

