Performance and Video Notetaking Worksheet

Name ______________________________ Date __________

Name of Video Clip _____________________________________________________

The following questions will help you hone your observations of a dance or movement performance or video.

1. In this performance or video clip, who is the community or folk group participating in the form of folk movement or dance?

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Describe participants:

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2. What are some shared characteristics that might influence how they move?

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Are they playful? ____ Serious? ____ Inventive? ____ Traditional? ____

3. What parts of the body move in the folk movement or gesture?

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4. Is the pace fast or slow? ________ How rigid is the structure?_________
5. Is there a set pattern of movements or are individuals allowed to invent and improvise?

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6. Are there observable generational differences among the dancers? __________
   If so, describe._____________________________________________________
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7. Are there observable gender differences among the dancers? _________________
   If so, describe._____________________________________________________
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8. Are there partners, or do people dance individually, in groups, or in formation?
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9. Is the movement for performance, individual expression, or both?
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10. Is the performance religious or non-religious?
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11. What clothes or costumes are worn?
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    __________________________________________________________________
12. Notice the use of space. How large is the space being used? ___________________
   Do all people move over the entire space, or do they stay in a small space?
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   How close are the people to each other? __________________________
   To the musicians or music source? __________________________
   What do non-dancers do? __________________________

13. Is there music or rhythmic accompaniment to the movement? __________________
    If yes, is the music on tape, or are there live musicians? __________________

14. Are there religious commonalities or differences that influence the dancers and
   musicians? Please describe. __________________________
    Did you notice any school or age factors that influence the dancers? Please describe.
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15. What are some observable traits about this community being viewed?
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    __________________________
    Do they value tradition? ______ Creativity? _______ Family?_______
    Children? ___________ Elders? _______________

16. Do participants seem to welcome outsiders, or are they a "closed" community?
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17. Do you notice anything else about this performance or video clip? If so, please describe.

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**Think About It!**

*What are some factors that might influence how these community members move?*

*Did they grow up learning how to move in the same way?*

*How does the setting affect the movements?*

Write your conclusions on another sheet of paper.