## GIRLS - LOOK AROUND THE WORLD

Age Range: All

## Have you Been Seen Around the World?

For younger girls this activity will need to be Leader directed and simple.

For older girls Leaders should read the background material and present the statements to promote discussion rather than give the examples.

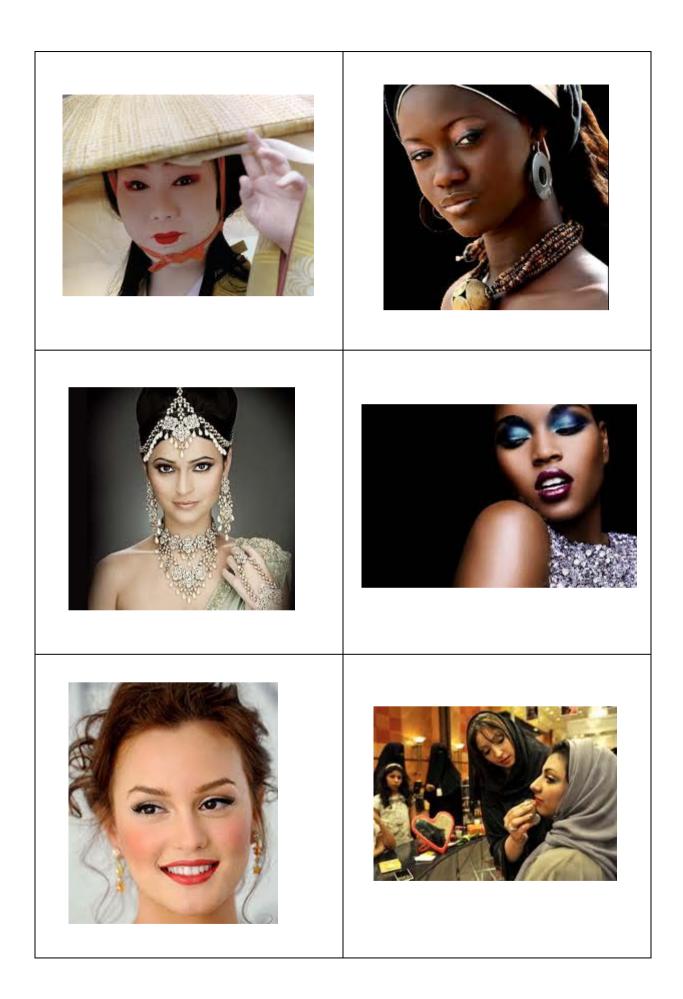
Give the girls the picture cards (below) of women from around the world. They have used cosmetics (paint) to enhance their appearance. You may choose to use pictures cut from magazines as well.

**Background:** Stick-thin, tall female models wearing make-up, designer dresses and shiny nail polish is considered "sexy" in the western world but elsewhere people may think them totally unattractive, ugly or even immoral!

However, beauty comes in all shapes and sizes. What is acceptable in one country, culture or family may be unacceptable in another. What is fashionable today may not be "socially" acceptable or fashionable tomorrow – especially in the western world.

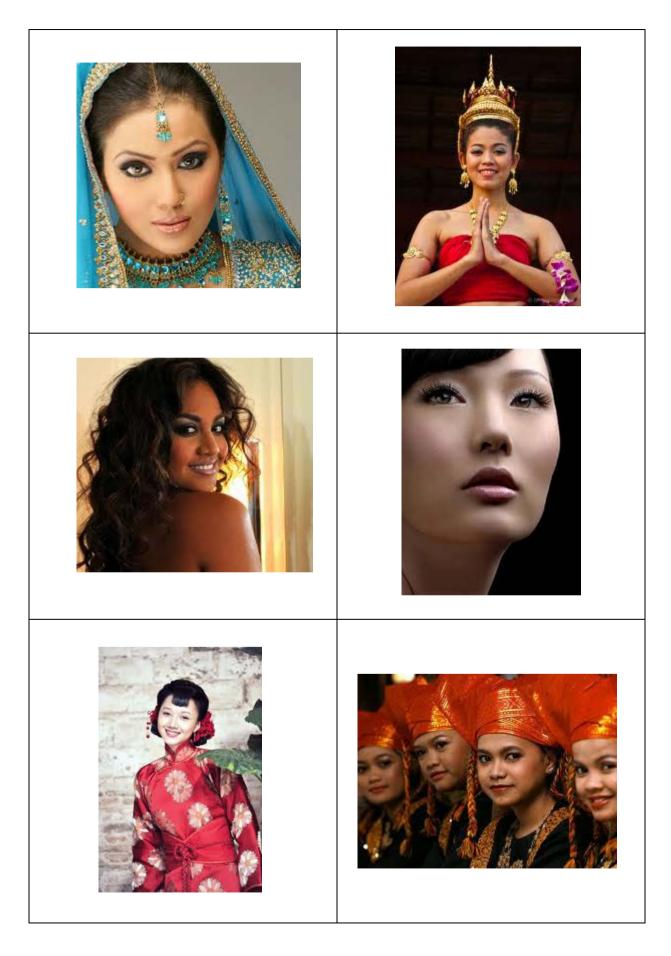
**Activity:** Look at the picture cards.

Which women do you consider to be beautiful? Why have you chosen them? What country or cultural background do you think they might be from? Why do you think women "paint" themselves?





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