

## Body Ritual of the Nacirema:

1. What is the main focus of the ritual activity of the Nacirema?
2. What is the fundamental belief about the human body?
3. Why does each household have a shrine?
4. What does the number of shrines per household indicate?
5. What does the focal point of the shrine contain?
6. What purpose do the medicine men provide?
7. Why do the natives keep all of their old medicine packets?
8. What do the Nacirema have a fascination with?
9. What do they believe will happen if they do not perform these rituals?
10. What is the "private mouth rite"?
11. What is the purpose of the "holy mouth rite"?
12. What purpose does this serve?

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13. Why do they fill or even create holes in their teeth?
14. What special women's rite is performed?
15. Why do you think women perform this rite while men do not?
16. What purpose do the latipso ceremonies serve?
17. Why do you think these people must give ample gifts for these rituals?
18. Why are both men and women subjected to the opposite sex in close quarters when they come to the latipso when their own wives and husbands do not see them without clothes?
19. Explain how these natives are also preoccupied with aesthetics?
20. Why do you think efforts to become pregnant are avoided and hidden once pregnant?
21. What point is being made in the last paragraph?