

Diplomacy is such an important skill to have. Due to the internet and a rise in interconnectivity, you no longer have to cross a border or go somewhere new to see and meet new people from different cultures. Different cultures exist anywhere there are shared values and beliefs. In order to combat fear and ignorance, it is important to understand different cultures. Understanding other people's cultures can also allow us to work together to solve issues in our community and world.

Diplomacy allows us to be able to better communicate with others and work towards solving conflict. It's crucial to be able to recognize cultural values and perspectives when looking at conflicts around the world and possible solutions. Diplomacy can help people communicate skillfully and ask necessary questions. Personally, learning diplomacy would help me learn how to de-escalate conflicts better.

Being diplomatic and understanding different cultures allows us to re-evaluate how much we need to constantly learn. It's so important to constantly keep learning, especially about other people and cultures. I always try to keep a mindset of seeking out knowledge and different perspectives, and a big part of that is learning and bettering my diplomatic skills.

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