



Culture

Take a look at your own culture as well as discuss the importance of cultural exchange!

What is culture? How would you describe your culture? What are the parts of your community that join together to create what you consider your culture? Youth from around the world have very different ideas as to how culture is defined...

“Culture is the customs of a place such as the way we dress, the way we behave, way we talk the music food and so the whole way that a community lives. Culture is very important to us because it is the whole set of beliefs and ideas that we were brought up to be what we are today. Culture is defined as the system of shared beliefs, values, customs, behaviors, and artifacts that the members of society use to cope with their world and with one another, and that are transmitted from generation to generation through learning.” - **Brigada da Natureza Youth Group, Brazil**

“Culture. I think there is two kinds of culture. First one is traditional culture. For example: traditional dance, wrestling, horse race and so on. The second one is Social culture. It means civilization and I think this culture is everything that creates intelligent or developed people.” -**New Generation School of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

“Culture to us can be described as an acceptable life style of a particular group of people within their locality. This involves art, thought and customs which consider clothing, food and behavior and or beliefs. What culture means to us is oneness of group living wherein each member of the community grows up with the sense of belongingness and self confidence. This is particularly beneficial to a society because its elements live together under norms which are free from deviant activities.” - **RESPECT Intellectual Club, Ghana**



“What does culture mean to us? Well, we believe that there are a lot of different answers to this question. Culture can be how you were raised, how you live your daily life, what type of food you eat, how you celebrate holidays, what type(s) of religion you believe in, the area in which you live, etc. Can culture be defined? That is a difficult question. We believe that it can be defined, but that it would take an extremely long time to do it because the definition has such a wide range of variables. As mentioned before, religion, style, beliefs, food, and time are a part of our definition of culture. However, there are many aspects that we didn't mention, such as: history of our country/people, child raising, community, geography, language, entertainment, sports, games, etc.” -**Cumberland County High School, United States of America**



“What is culture? Culture means our tradition, what we are used to doing. These things include those aspects of life which are related to language, beliefs, arts, morals, food, laws, customs, and other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of the society. The aspects that join together to form our community is the language, the food, the types of dress, the customs and the beliefs. I think culture can be defined though it is too vast but since we can define those aspects that make up culture like language, way of greeting, ways of dress, laws, beliefs, customs etc relating a particular people means we can almost define it. Culture are those aspects of life which are related to language, beliefs, laws, customs and other capabilities acquired by man as a member of the society” -**Cameroon Children Environmental Forum, Cameroon**