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- What is culture?

- Culture is the way of thinking, the ways of acting ,and the material objects that together forms a people's way of life.

- For an example, we can differentiate one culture with another just by looking at their ways of life and language.

HOW TO RECOGNISE A CULTURE?

- In order to recognise a culture, we first must inspect the elements of culture.
- Elements of culture
  - Social organization
  - Customs and traditions
  - Language
  - Religion
  - Art and literature
  - Forms of government
  - Economic systems

- Social organization
  - the family patterns and social classes of a culture
- Customs and traditions
  - way people act, wear, what they eat, and their laws.
- Language
  - communication by word of mouth

- Religion
  - a system of beliefs that answers questions about the meaning of life

- Art and literature
  - ways the people entertain themselves. There stories they tell and how they dance. Its also the music they listen to and there artwork.

- forms of government
  - the people or group(s) that control the people and provide/ enforce the laws
- economic systems
  - the method used by a society to produce and distribute goods and services

- Culture is not only the way we do things. It is also our attitudes, thoughts, expectations, goals and values. It is the rules of our society – the norms that tell us what is and what is not acceptable in the society

- Culture can also be viewed from an anthropological perspective, that is, in its most traditional interpretation, such as Aboriginal Culture

What is culture

- Distinguishes man from beast, one human group from another.

- **Patterns of behaviour & thinking** that people living in social groups learn, create & share.
  - **Symbolic**, **learned**, **shared** & **adaptive**.

- People who **share a common culture** - especially common rules of behaviour & social organisation – can **constitutes a society**.