

Diagram of culture - Class Work

Create a flow chart of your choosing, with **accompanying descriptors**, outline how culture may have developed and why.

Specific Instructions: I want you to show that you understand how the elements and functions of culture and also the nature of cultural influences create and maintain cultures (i.e.: how they are connected, with explanations). Examples from the lesson are below:

1. **Elements of culture:** language, beliefs, traditions, ethnic origin, religion, social hierarchy, values, etc
 2. **Functions of culture:** an individual's sense of self, sense of community, sense of security, the enforcement of social norms, providing structure for life, etc
 3. **Nature of cultural influences:** an individual's dietary choices, restrictions, customs, habits, relationship with nature, gender roles, the education system, entertainment choices, etc
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HINT: Show how an element (or 2) of culture morphs into a function and then affects the nature of cultural influence. Do this with as many examples as possible. The more connections you can make between the examples, the better your understanding of culture's importance will be.

Think of the types of societal groups humans have had (roughly speaking) since we were all nomadic family groups. You are looking for trends/possible explanations for how we develop culture. You do not have to pick a particular place in the world and focus on it as the process is similar worldwide.

How long should this be? That depends on your level of detail, descriptions and work ethic. If you are lazy and don't care about the topic, I imagine the end result will be very short.

When is this due? This is to be completed this period. Pace yourself accordingly.

You can work with a partner to complete this activity. Please ensure both of you have copies of the final product.

Be prepared to defend your arguments and ideas in class.

You can use this assignment to help frame your Unit 2 project that is looking at the **concept of culture**. ie: include the 3 specific instructions above in your project.