

Close Reading: Culture

Language helps us to share ideas, information, and story. The more precise our language is, the better we are able to share information, ideas, and story with accuracy. Learning to read well, helps one to understand language with precision. When people don't read well, they can become confused about language--they can get the wrong idea, and wrong ideas can create problems.

In fourth grade, we spend a lot of time learning to read and write language with precision so that we understand what we read well, and so that we convey our thoughts, ideas, and information with accuracy and detail. Today we'll read the information in this packet carefully as we begin our culture unit. We'll use the following "close reading" strategies to read this information with care:

- We'll look over the article first and take note of text structure.
- We'll study images, diagrams, and charts.
- We'll think about what we already know about culture, and what we want to know.
- We'll read the information together, jotting down notes, highlighting important words and information, and asking questions on paper and aloud.
- In the end, each student will write a summary of the information.

What do you know about culture, and what do you want to know?

Know	Want to Know
There are different cultures	How many cultures are there?
Cultures are different	Everything about culture?
Different styles	How many kids can different cultures have?
There are a lot cultures	Is it possible for one person to be related to all cultures?

cultures speak different languages, different cultures	Possible to have two cultures?
different ways of living,	How many people in each culture?
some cultures have traditions cultures usually go with languages	Which culture has least population?
seven letters in culture, starts w "c, " ends with e	Which cultures have the greatest population?
	Food? Which cultures have even # of people, odd # of people?
	What are different cultures origins?

What is Culture?

Anthropologists study culture. Culture is the materials, traditions, social groups, beliefs and arts of groups of people. No two people share exactly the same culture because people belong to many different groups possibly including their school, religious organizations, clubs, teams, country of origin or ancestry, neighborhood and more.

In your own words, write a sentence or two that describes your culture.

My culture from ancestry is Irish and Polish. My school culture is Happy Hollow. My town culture is Framingham. My country culture is USA. My interest culture writing. My professional culture is teaching.

Why should we study culture?



What do you think?

To be prepared to go to another culture.

If you go to another culture, you know what to say and do.

You know how to be respectful to other students, new students.

You're going to be working with people from all over the world.

In another country, you need to learn their language.

These quotes show what famous people in history believe about the study of culture. What do these quotes mean? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Quotes:

If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place. - **Margaret Mead**

- **everyone counts! to achieve better, recognize**

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.
-**Albert Einstein**

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.
- **Mohandas Gandhi**

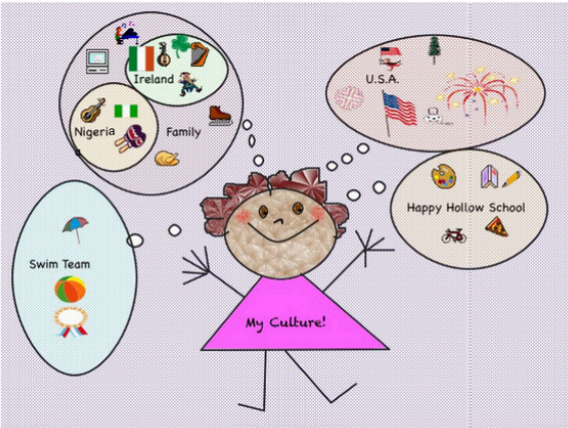
First Step:

"We can take a topic that has caused so much disagreement, so much suffering, and so much misunderstanding, and completely disarm it."

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Think about your culture?

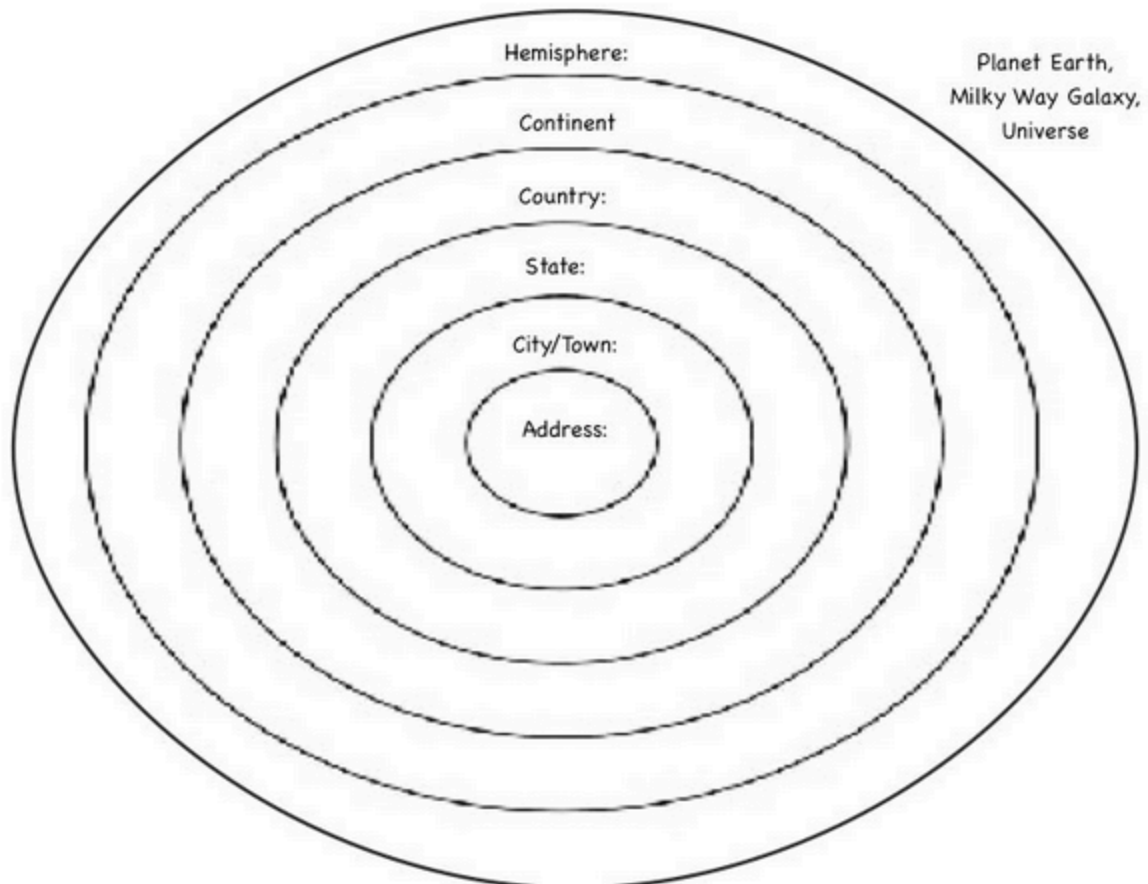


Think about your culture?

Materials (what we use for everyday life and special events)	Arts (expressions)	Social Groups (teams, clubs, religion.)	Traditions (holidays, seasonal. . .)	Beliefs (The beliefs that you live your life by)

What is special about your culture? What are you proud of?

Where you live affects your culture? Where do you live?



How does where you live affect your culture?

How do you think where you live affects your perspective (the way you see the world)?

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Write a summary of what you've learned about culture below? Then write three questions you're still wondering about when it comes to culture? Pass in when done.

Summary

Questions

1.
2.
3.