**Read through the sentences below that contain the word “culture.”**

*She seems so cultured. She eats Ethiopian food and goes to the opera.*

*The South has a different culture when it comes to manners and what is considered polite.*

*Christmas traditions are different all over the world, depending upon each country’s culture.*

*In our culture, it’s okay to criticize the government.*

*American culture is very materialistic. People spend a lot of money on clothes, cars, technology, and other things.*

*The culture of our school is very competitive.*

*In showing love, the Maori rub noses; the Australians rub faces; the Chinese place nose to cheeks; Americans kiss. Or, consider this; American men are permitted to laugh in public but not to cry; Iroquois men are permitted to do neither in public; Italian men are permitted to do both. Culture is the fabric of human society.*

**In the space below, please write down every single word or phrase you think of when you read or hear the word, culture. You must write down at least fifteen words/phrases, hopefully more. When we share out to the whole class, please write down any new words that are mentioned that you do not already have on your list. After we have brainstormed all the words and phrases, we can choose to delete some if there is no consensus that the word is appropriate.**

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**Now that you have a long list of words and phrases which are associated with the word “culture,” please work in a small group to categorize all of these words. You must name between 4 and 5 different categories and then place every word in the appropriate category. No word can go uncategorized. No category can be named “Miscellaneous” or something of the sort. A word from your list may be one of your category names.**

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**In your group, please consider your categories and then write a definition of the word “culture” in the space below.**

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**After your classmates share their definitions and the dictionary definition is shared, what is one thing you might consider adding or deleting from your definition?**

**Copy the definition created by the whole class in the space below.**

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**Name two things you have already learned about culture. What are two questions you have about culture?**

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| **I have learned…** | **I wonder…** |
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**What are three different instances where we might use the term “culture” to mean slightly different things?**