**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Comparative Cultures Grade 12**

**BIG IDEAS**

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| Understanding the diversity and complexity of cultural expressions in one culture enhances our understanding of other cultures. |  | Interactions between belief systems, social organization, and languages influence artistic expressions of culture. |  | Geographic and environmental factors influenced the development of agriculture, trade, and increasingly complex cultures. |  | Value systems and belief systems shape the structures of power and authority within a culture. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret,  and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Assess and compare the significance of cultural expressions at particular times  and places (significance)** * **Evaluate inferences about the content, origins, purposes, context, reliability,  and usefulness of multiple sources from the past and present (evidence)** * **Analyze continuities and changes in diverse cultures at different times and places (continuity and change)** * Assess the development and impact of the thought, artistic expressions, power and authority, and technological adaptations of diverse cultures (cause and consequence) * **Explain different perspectives on past and present cultures (perspective)** * **Make reasoned ethical judgments about actions in the past and present,  and assess appropriate ways to remember and respond (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **definitions of culture and how these  have changed over time** * **elements of culture and cultural expressions** * **conflict and conflict resolution within  and between cultures** * **systems of power, authority, and governance** * **role of value systems and belief systems  in the development of cultures** * **interactions and exchanges between cultures** * **interactions between cultures and  the natural environment** |