

BIG IDEAS

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

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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