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Culture

The Way of Life a Group of People Shares

"Hello?"

"What?"

"Yo!"

"Hey, sorry, I can't hear you. There's a lot of traffic."

"Where are you?"

"I'm in Brooklyn!"

"Where?"

"I'm in Dumbo. I gotta hop on the subway here in a sec, but you know, after I grab a slice."

"That's so New York: pizza and public transportation."

"Yeah, but culture is more than that."

"For sure."

We're here to talk about culture, yeah,

The way of life a group of people shares.

Traditions, customs and language,

Whether hero or hoagie, it's still a sandwich.

Entertainment, like music and art,

And religious beliefs can be a big part.

In New York, with its Jewish community,

There's kosher food, like at this deli.

A culture shares values, morals, principles,

Like down South, we're awfully hospitable.

And what about the political system?

There's a queen and prime minister over in England.

Let's not forget about their economy,

The way wealth is spread out can determine a lot, see?

What you eat, where you hang, who you know, what you wear
Can be determined by the way a culture's wealth is shared.
A culture can be shared by a big or small group,
Our country has a culture, but your region does too.
Culture is learned and passed down through generations,
But it can still evolve and go through changes.

Our culture shapes who we are,
From our clothing, food, languages and art,
Politics, economics and traditions,
Social structures, values and religions.

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"Alright, mind if I get on this beat? I appreciate you. Look, I'm from Texas, born and raised—gonna slow it down a little to talk about how culture moves, like when people migrate and bring it with them."

Now I don't know where you've been,
But no matter what, you've seen cultural diffusion.
The spread of culture from one group to another
Can be rough, like from war, or smooth like butter.
Houston's got a Chinatown,
If I need Chinese products, that's where I buy them now.
Chinese families moved in and settled down,
And their language, food and customs are all around.
Trade, migration and communication
Can move culture around the globe and the nation.
OK, so check out Texas:
Close to 40% Hispanic says the census.
That's 'cause we're at the southern border,
Mexico is just a little bit further.
Mexicans migrate for opportunity,
And their culture shapes Texan communities.

In Texas we've got bilingual schools
Where we speak English and Spanish, too.
And Tex-Mex is its own cuisine,
If that's not cultural diffusion, I don't know what it means!
What's your culture? What do you like?
What do you know? What shapes your life?
When it comes to culture, know the golden rule...

Respect other cultures the way you respect yours!

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Social structures, values and religions.

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"Alright, y'all, just remember this: you gotta respect other cultures the way you respect yours. Flocabulary, signing off, peace!"