

# Bellwork

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- With a partner, define culture using six words exactly. Write your six word definition on the top of your notes.

# The Elements of Culture



Main ideas:

- Human beings are members of social groups with shared and unique sets of behaviors and attitudes.
- Language and religion are two very important aspects of culture.



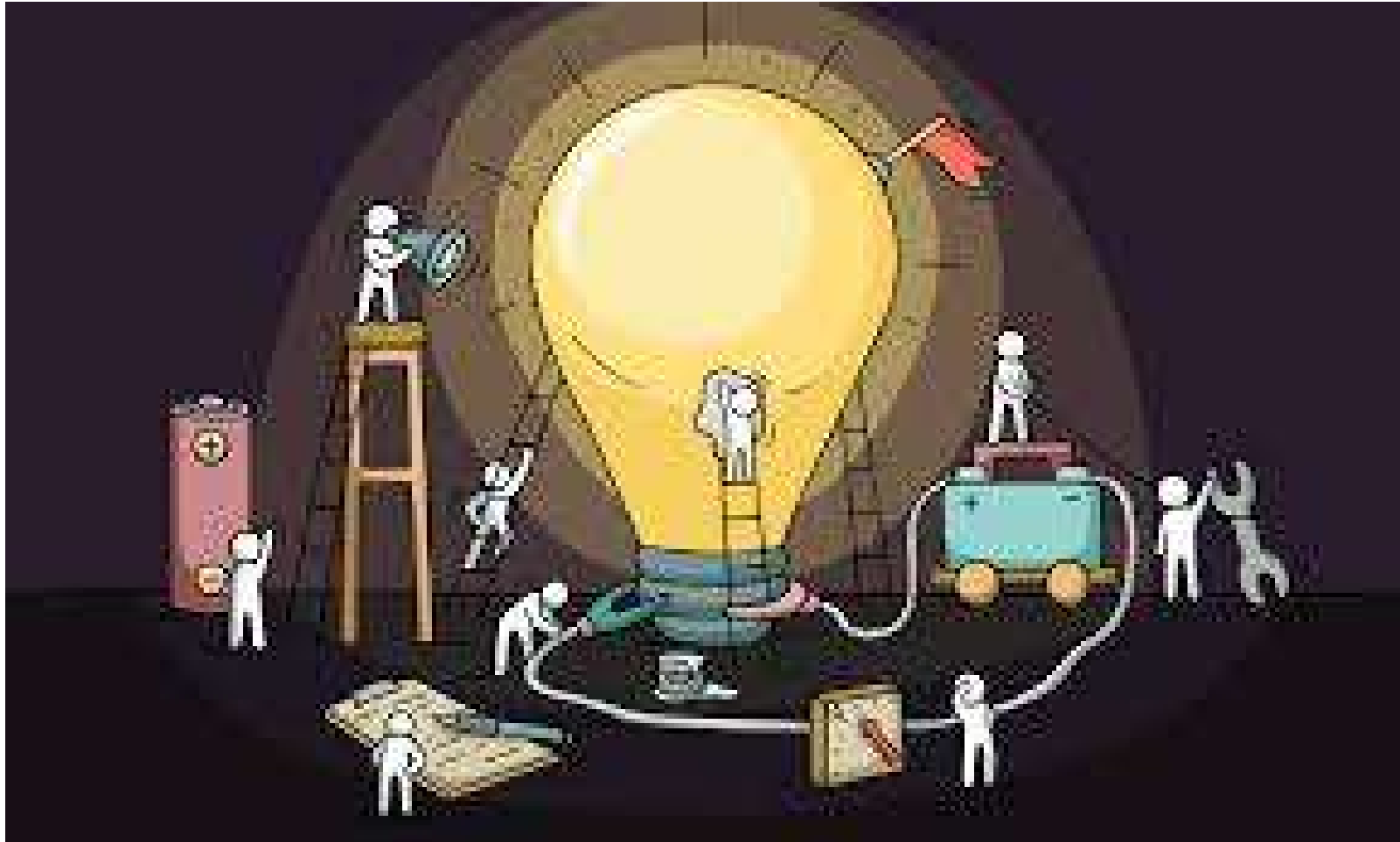
- Society – a group that shares a geographic region, a sense of identity, and a culture.



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- Ethnic group – refers to a specific group that shares a language, customs, and a common heritage.

- Innovation – taking existing technology and resources and creating something new to meet a need.



- Diffusion – the spread of ideas, inventions, or patterns of behavior.



- Acculturation occurs when a society changes because it accepts or adopts an innovation.



# Language

- Language helps establish a cultural identity.
- Geographers estimate that between 3,000-6,500 languages are spoken across the world today.
- Language can be spread by trade or migration.





# World Languages Video Questions

- 1. What is the most common language in the world? How many people speak it?
- 2. What is second on the list? How many people speak it?
- 3. What is third? How many people speak it? How many if you include English as a second language?
- 4. Create a chart with the top 12 most common languages. Under each language, list all countries where it can be found.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epBuWRld4ws>

# Religion

- Religion consists of a belief in a supernatural power or powers that are regarded as the creators and maintainers of the universe.



Monotheistic – with a belief in one god

Polytheistic – with a belief in many gods

Animistic or traditional – often with a belief in divine forces in nature

# Major Religions of the World

- Three major religions of the world began in Southwest Asia and two in South Asia.
- Southwest Asia – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all monotheistic and share similar basic beliefs and some prophets and teachers.
- South Asia – Buddhism and Hinduism

# Judaism

- The oldest of the Southwest Asian religions, Judaism is concentrated in Israel. Established more than 3,200 years ago, Judaism is the oldest monotheistic religion.
- Religious book: Torah
- Religious center: Jerusalem, Israel



# Christianity

- Evolved about 2,000 years ago from the teachings of Judaism.
- Based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Christians live on every continent and consist of three major groups: Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox.



# Islam

- Based on the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, who began teaching around 613 AD.
- Close ties to the prophets and teachers of Judaism and Christianity.
- Holy book: Qur'an. Two major divisions are Sunni and Shiite.



# Hinduism

- One of the world's oldest religions dating back about 5,000 years ago.
- Usually considered a polytheistic religion.
- The religious requirements of a caste system – levels of fixed social classes with specific rites and duties – shape many aspect of Hindus' lives and culture.



# Buddhism

- An offshoot of Hinduism, Buddhism developed about 563 B.C. in India, near the Nepal border.
- It's founder Siddhartha Gautama (aka the Buddha or Enlightened one) rejected the idea of caste.
- Teachings promote the correct way of living in order to reach an enlightened spiritual state called nirvana.

