Cultural Interactions

A responsible citizen understands the various cultural influences that affect our lives, nation, and world today. You will choose members of one cultural group that reside, or have resided, in two regions or countries and analyze the contributions they have made, the economic success they have had, and the level of social and political participation they have attained.

Your Task

In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:

- □ Introduce the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives.
- Provide background on the cultural group by explaining how people from that group have come to live in two places.
- □ State a claim about why the people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.
- □ Provide reasons for your claim, supported by evidence, including:
 - A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region/country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.
 - A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region/country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.
 - A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region/country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.
- Cite specific textual evidence from at least three credible sources that provide relevant information.

Score	4	3	2	1
Background	I thoroughly introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, and I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I accurately introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, and I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I accurately introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, or I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I included, but did not accurately introduce, the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, or I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.
Claim	I thoroughly stated a claim about why people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.	I accurately stated a claim about why people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.	I stated a claim about only one subset of the cultural group.	I explained differences between the two sub- sets of the cultural group, but I didn't state a claim about why people in one subset fared better in one region over another.
Evidence & Reasoning	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evi- dence; I included: A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evi- dence; I included: A comparison of the cultural group's eco- nomic success in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference. A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference. A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included two of the following: A comparison of the cultural group's eco- nomic success in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included one of the following: A comparison of the cultural group's eco- nomic success in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences. A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.

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Citations	I referred explicitly in the	I referred explicitly in the	I referred explicitly in	I referred explicitly in
	paper or presentation to	paper or presentation to	the paper or presenta-	the paper or present-
	four or more credible	three credible sources that	tion to two credible	ation to one credible
	sources that provide	provide relevant	sources that provide	source that provides
	relevant information.	information.	relevant information.	relevant information.
Sources	My sources are varied	My sources are varied	My sources are not	My sources are not
	(primary and secondary)	(primary and secondary)	varied, and they repre-	varied, and I rely too
	and represent more than	and represent more than	sent one point of view	much on one source for
	one point of view.	one point of view.	far more than another.	my evidence.

No Score (NS) is given if the work is unintelligible; in a language other than English; off topic; off purpose; or copied.