

HISTORY AND CULTURE:

1. Culture:

- a group's culture is the group's total way of life
- every individual in the culture participates and shares more or less in the group's total culture
- all groups have culture. It is incorrect to say that anyone or any group is without culture, because everyone has a way of life.
- we can compare different cultures and judge any one to be higher or lower on specific things in terms of the efficiency with which they can do specific tasks

2. What Culture Consists Of:

- a) **Material things** - the items made of matter that the group uses
- b) **Ideas** - the concepts and the beliefs that are common in the group (ex. right, wrong, politics, religion)
- c) **Institutions** - groups set up within the culture; organizations like schools, churches and governments

3. How Culture Grows and Spreads:

- d) **Inheritance** - cultural knowledge is passed on (mostly) from the older to the younger people in a culture
- e) **Invention** - something new is injected into the culture and may cause significant change, which may/may not lead to progress
- f) **Interchange** - different cultures meet and learn from each other