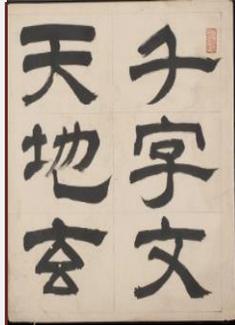


Rockefeller Quartet Presents Maps and Music: Up, Up and Away!

Culture is a word we use to describe how we live from day to day. It includes the **art** we make, **music** we listen to, the **clothing** we wear and the **food** we eat along with many other things people do. Different groups of people live differently based upon where they live, how much money they have to spend and **traditions** followed by families. Folk culture comes from **traditions** that are handed down from **generation** to generation (from grandparents to parents to children and to their children and to their children).

Asian Folk Culture

Chinese words are written using symbols instead of letters. **Calligraphy** is the practice of creating **art** using these symbols



Clothing styles made popular by the Han Chinese 3,000 years ago still remain popular in Chinese fashion today. Han styles are noted by beautiful silk robes. The style of robe depended upon whether they were royalty, military, teacher, etc.



The pipa is one of the most popular Chinese **musical** instruments and has been played for almost two thousand years.



Asia is very large, and the food people eat is different from place to place. There are many ways of cooking **foods**. Favorite meals include soups, fish, meat, dumplings, fresh vegetables, rice and fried rolls.



Jewish Traditions



Food: Jewish recipes come from over four thousand years of Jewish writing. The **Torah** describes what foods can be eaten and how they should be prepared.



Traditional **music, dance** and **clothing** are displayed at Jewish Festivals.



Art: Jewish folk art made from pieces of cut paper.

African American Folk Culture – African traditions have combined with those of other cultures in the African American community.



This elegant **clothing** made of colorful fabric might be worn in Africa.



This African American **art** resembles masks that have been made in Africa for hundreds of years.



American gospel **music** reflects West African rhythms and sounds.



Food: African American family enjoying a meal together.

Culture of Iberia and the New World

Can you find Spain, Argentina and Venezuela on the maps below?



Spain and Portugal are countries on the Iberian Peninsula. Explorers from these countries were among the first to visit South America and many colonists moved from Iberia to South America taking their languages and culture with them.



Dance: Flamenco dancing in Spain in traditional costumes.



Clothing: Traditional clothing in Argentina.



Food: Hallaca, from Venezuela, is like a tamale.

European Culture



Dance: Irish villagers dance a traditional Irish jig. During an Irish jig, the dancers' heels and toes tap out a "music of the shoes."



Music: Symphony orchestras perform all over Europe. In this picture, the London Symphony Orchestra is performing in London, **England**.



Art: A water lily painting by a Claude Monet from **France** was sold for more than \$80 million at auction in 2008.



Food: **Germany and Austria** are famous for their sausages. The word wiener comes from the German word, "Wien", which is what Germans call the city of Vienna in Austria.



Dance: The Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, **Russia** performs Sleeping Beauty by Tchaikovsky, a popular Russian composer.



Theater: *La Scala* in Milan, **Italy**, is one of the most famous theaters in the world. This picture is of a performance of an opera by Puccini.

You can listen to some of the music played in this performance on YouTube at the following addresses:

- Sibelius – Finlandia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5zg_af9b8c
- Mendelssohn - Quartet, Op. 44, No. 1, Movement 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ourXrup5vE>
- Ravel - Quartet, Movement 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtxQGhM7fIk>
- Tchaikovsky - Quartet, Op. 11, Movement 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_ySLE0EpUM
- Bridge - Quartet in E minor, Movement 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hugyn3qcZg>
- Puccini/Zinn - Madama Butterfly (Aria: Un bel di): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2CcHuN3SV0>
- Ginastera/Naughtin - Danzas Argentinas, No. 2: Danza de la moza donosa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVav728Uxac>
- Yunnan/Zhou Long - Chinese Folk Songs, 5. A Horseherd's Mountain Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hml9g01v43o>

In what traditions do you participate?

What **traditions** do you have in your family that have been handed down to you? Do you have any family **traditions** that are similar to the ones above? Use the space below to write down what you find out from your family at home about art, music, food and clothing that are being handed down to you from your parents and grandparents.

Arts/Crafts: _____

Music/Songs: _____

Food: _____

Clothing: _____

Vocabulary

<p><i>Asia</i>- the world’s largest continent where more than 4.1 billion people live, which is nearly 60% of the world’s total. Asia has given birth to some of the oldest human civilizations.</p> <p><i>calligraphy</i> - writing words with very ornate letters</p> <p><i>generation</i> – all of the people born and living at about the same time.</p>	<p><i>opera</i> – a theatrical production usually performed by actors singing all of their lines with an orchestra playing.</p> <p><i>rhythm</i> – patterns notes used in a piece of music usually set to an underlying beat.</p> <p><i>Torah</i> – Jewish holy book, part of which is contained in the old testament of the Bible.</p> <p><i>tradition</i>– a cultural practice or custom that is handed down from parents to their children over several generations.</p>
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