

Additional Culture Vocabulary

Ethnic group-Ethnicity or ethnic group is a socially defined category based on common culture or nationality. Ethnicity can, but does not have to, include common ancestry, cuisine, dressing style, heritage, history, language or dialect, physical appearance, religion, symbols, traditions, or other cultural factors. Ethnic identity is constantly reinforced through common characteristics which set the group apart from other groups.

Cultural borrowing-The definition of **cultural borrowing** is taking ideas and practices from another **culture**, ethnic group or religion. An example of **cultural borrowing** is a Christian practicing some Buddhist concepts. An example of **cultural borrowing** is the Christmas traditions of one country being practiced in another country.

Majority group-The group that has the largest population in society and holds significant power and privilege.

Minority group-A group that has a smaller population and less power than the majority group.

Multicultural-relating to, or representing several different cultures or cultural elements.

Custom-a traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.