



# What does culture mean?

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- The characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, encompassing language, religion, food, social habits, music and arts.

## Recognition and understanding of differences

### **Benefits of Cultural experts in the classroom:**

- Examine your own cultural values, beliefs, and ways of doing things
- Understand how culture impacts teaching practices
- Examine ways of providing culturally responsive instruction
- Understand the meaning and importance of your students languages
- Consider ways to create an inclusive classroom for students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds



# Alaska Native Cultural groups

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- Athabascan-12,000 years
- Eskimo –Inupiaq/Yupik-6,000 years
- Aleut-7,000 years
- Tlingit/haida/ Tsimshian-10,000 years

# Experts/Engineers/ Mathematicians/tools

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Sled builders

story tellers

skin sewers

beaders

Fisherman

fish trap makers

Basket makers

Linguist

kyak, Umiak, canoe

Aleut visors

whaling boats

harpoon

long house

Totem poles

Snow shelters

Fish wheel

Ivory carvers

Dancers

Harpoon makers

Singers

Fish nets/wheels

Bitza/ Kuspuk/ 'Ts'ah

Snow shoes

Inuit glasses

Hunters

Whalers

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Teach from our students' perspective

# Benefits-culture in the classroom

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Social awareness

Cultural competence

Increase students' understanding of the role of math in everyday life and employment

Establish a purpose for context based reading/learning

## Brainstorm

1. What are some ways we can we incorporate culture in our classes?
2. What kind of cultural experts would you like in your classroom?
  3. Who are the cultural experts in Galena?
4. What activities would you like your students to do?
5. What would you like to know more about?

