Culture

Visual Vocabulary
Shared characteristics that include customs, arts, food, and beliefs.

What are some common foods found in your own cultures?
Tradition

A custom/celebration from the past that people still practice today. Passed down through family generations.

WHAT TRADITION(S) DOES YOUR FAMILY CONTINUE TO OBSERVE? (EX: EASTER EGG HUNTS, LIGHTING A MENORAH, ETC.)
Ethnic Group

People that share languages, customs, and common heritage.

How can we learn from different ethnic groups? What can we share?
Language

Human communication that is written, spoken, or signed.

What forms of communication do you use on a daily basis?
An organized system of beliefs and practices that seek to explain the meaning of life. Can be centered on one or more gods.
Cultural Hearth

An area where important cultural ideas began and spread to other areas.
Cultural Diffusion

The spreading of ideas, customs, beliefs, and other cultural elements from one group to another.

What are some things we may have gotten from other places?
Anthropologist

A scientist who studies the cultures of past and present to understand the complexity of cultures across all of human history.
Government

Provides for people's needs, keeps order, protects society from outside threats.

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT?
Economy

How people use resources to satisfy their wants and needs by exchange of money.

How do you satisfy your wants by an exchange of money? What things do you want?