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The Bahamian Way of Life



What is culture?

Culture is simply our 'way of life'. Think about our way of life in The Bahamas.

- ❖ How do we dress?
- ❖ What food do we eat?
- ❖ What festivals do we celebrate?
- ❖ At what age do Bahamians leave school?
- ❖ What jobs do people do?
- ❖ How many people work in offices, how many in the open air?

What other things do you think are a part of our culture?

There are many different groups of people living in the world, each doing things in different ways. Different cultures may still have many things in common, though, because we are all human beings and we all have basic needs in order to live. For example,

- ❖ we all need food
- ❖ we all need clothing, and
- ❖ we all need shelter

It is the way in which we fulfill these needs that makes each culture different. Sometimes these can be very small things – for example, the way in which we greet each other.

Each culture is unique – the way of life in that group is different from that of any other group. But sometimes, particularly in more recent times, cultures change because people travel and exchange ideas. One culture may be influenced by another.

How does tourism affect our culture?

Tourism affects our culture in many ways: how we dress, what we eat, how we treat each other is influenced by the people who visit our islands. Most of the tourists, who come to our islands, come from the continent of North America. As a result, the American culture influences ours, for example our music, our food, our clothing and even the way we worship.

Instructions: Answer all questions

1. Define culture _____ (1pt)
2. Name four ways in which we express our culture. (4pts)

3. List the three basic needs of all people. (3pts)

4. What are the reasons for culture change? (2pts)

5. Most of the tourists who come to our islands come from _____ (1pt)
6. Name four ways the American culture have influenced our Bahamian culture. (4pts)

7. Name five (5) dishes that are indigenous to our Bahamian culture? (5pts)

8. Name five (5) festivals that are indigenous to our Bahamian culture? (5pts)

9. List five (5) denominations in the Bahamas. (5pts)

10. Name the largest denomination in the Bahamas. (1pt) _____

11. What religion is practiced in the Bahamas? (1pt) _____

12. Research the following. Fill in the table with the cultures indigenous to that country. Give one (1) of each.

Country	Food	Music	Festival
Jamaica			
Haiti			
Cuba			
America			
China			