



Rainford High School English Department – Year 7 Different Cultures Knowledge Organiser

Culture	Key texts		Key terms
<p>Culture is a system of shared beliefs that is used by a society in order to interact with the world, as well as with each other. Often, we think of the food, music, clothing, and holidays that are shared by a group as part of their culture.</p> <p>The British culture: The culture of the United Kingdom is influenced by the UK's history as a developed state, a liberal democracy and a great power; its predominantly Christian religious life; and its composition of four countries—England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland—each of which has distinct customs, cultures and symbolism.</p> <p>British traditions and hobbies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traditional roast dinner on a Sunday - Eating a full English breakfast - Making a cup of tea in a crisis - Watching the football - Eating fish & chips at the seaside 	<p>Two scavengers in a truck two beautiful in a Mercedes <i>Four people are stuck at traffic lights in downtown San Francisco. The poem is about the contrast between the rich and poor in society.</i></p> <p>What Were They Like? <i>A poem that contrasts what life was like in Viet Nam before and after the war in the 1960s and 1970s.</i></p> <p>Night of the Scorpion <i>The poet recalls and describes a memory about when his mother was stung by a scorpion and how various people reacted to the ordeal.</i></p> <p>Blessing <i>A poem that focuses on cultural differences and appreciations. The poet describes how people living in poverty on the outskirts of Bombay celebrate the importance of fresh drinking water.</i></p> <p>Island Man <i>A poem focusing on the cultural identity of a Caribbean man who wakes up London, while still dreaming about his native island. The poet juxtaposes the two environments to show the contrasts between island life versus city life.</i></p>		<p>Democracy: <i>A system of government where the citizens exercise power by voting.</i></p> <p>Diversity: <i>The fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people</i></p> <p>Equality: <i>Ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity</i></p> <p>Discrimination: <i>Treating others unfairly based on: race, ability, gender, age etc.</i></p> <p>District 6: <i>District Six is a former inner-city residential area in Cape Town, South Africa. Over 60,000 of its inhabitants were forcibly removed during the 1970s by the apartheid regime.</i></p> <p>Tradition: <i>The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation</i></p> <p>Heritage: <i>Features belonging to the culture of a particular society, such as traditions, languages, or buildings</i></p> <p>Apartheid: <i>A political and social system in South Africa while it was under white minority rule.</i></p> <p>Segregation: <i>Separation into groups due to inequality</i></p>
Race and ethnicity	Vocabulary to describe reactions and for emotions		Poetic Devices
<p>Race: A group of people identified as distinct from other groups because of supposed physical or genetic traits shared by the group.</p> <p>Ethnicity: is a category of people who identify with each other based on similarities such as common ancestry, language, history, society, culture or nation.</p>	<p>Reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humiliated - Mortified - Horrified - Disgraced - Disgusted - Ashamed - Infuriated - Pitiful 	<p>Emotions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pride - Oppressed - Resentful - Sympathetic - Honour - Self-identity - Compassion - Empathy 	<p>Simile: a comparison using like or as</p> <p>Metaphor: a direct comparison of two ideas or objects</p> <p>Enjambment: no punctuation at the end of a line</p> <p>Imagery: visually descriptive or figurative language</p> <p>Personification: giving human feelings or actions to an inanimate object</p> <p>Caesura: a pause or break within the line</p> <p>Cyclical structure: starting and ending in the same place</p> <p>Stanza: a set of lines in a poem</p> <p>Iambic pentameter: a rhythm in poetry consisting of 5 metrical feet</p> <p>Symbolism: the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities</p>