

1: Understanding Understanding

They mean different things to people who are different. As Red Jacket, the Seneca orator and chief, said, to a New England missionary in , "We have a different understanding. To you the Creator has given the Book, to us he has given the land."

It is hard to find a distinction between the two because they are both abstract processes of the mind and the brain. Being able to know their differences can lead us to a better awareness of ourselves, who we are, and what we want. It involves the basic recall of data which have been previously presented. It involves perception, learning, communication, association, and reasoning. It may also mean the ability to use a certain thing or subject for an appropriate purpose. All information is processed by the mind, and to know it is to be familiar with it. The mind then passes the information to the brain. It is the awareness of the connection between pieces of information that are presented and has a deeper level than knowing and, in fact, is essential in order to put knowledge to good use. For example, you will know that the weather is bad when there is rain, but you may not understand why it is happening. Learning how rain is formed and how it affects the weather is the key to understanding why the weather is bad. You may also recognize a written language and know what it is just by looking at the characters, but you will not understand it unless you take some time to study it. Understanding takes a long time to take place whereas knowledge can take place sooner. The moment information is given, it is immediately processed in the mind, and then the individual will know about the subject. In order for the brain to understand, it must be presented with the same knowledge constantly. The more information that the brain receives about a subject, the better it will understand. When you understand, you are able to distinguish, explain, interpret, and summarize data. When you know, you are able to identify, label, list, name, and recall data. Both understanding and knowing are very important for our growth as individuals. They determine how we view and react to our environment and the people we associate with. Understanding has a deeper level than knowing. Knowing is processed in the mind while understanding is processed in the brain. Understanding may take longer to acquire than knowing.

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'A Different Understanding With the President' Web Q&A: Monday, 1 p.m. ET» Reporter Barton Gellman, will be online on Monday, June 25 to answer readers' questions about the Cheney series.

Walking into a fabric store can be intimidating with all of those different types of fabric. This will help you understand what they are and how to navigate the fabric store. Something that makes you want to buy it all. But that fabric store can be pretty confusing with all of the different types of fabric and rows and rows of fabric bolts. The large stores are wonderful because they have so many options, but they can also be very intimidating. Understanding Different Types of Fabric: You walk into your fabric store and you will see rows and rows, bolts and bolts of fabric. What are they all and what do they mean? Understanding the Fabric Store: Typically the most prevalent fabric is going to be your basic cotton, also sometimes called calico in the fabric world. Along at least one wall of the store you are likely to see fabrics arranged by color something like this: Often these calico fabrics will have small all over prints like dainty little flowers, but you can see that some of them have more bold prints like large polka dots. At the close end, you can also see solid colored fabric. Throughout the store on shelves, you will probably find many more cottons in a variety of styles. You may find a baby section, a designer fabric section, seasonal prints, etc. Just browse for what you are looking for. These are going to be great fabrics for many of your sewing projects like bags, aprons, quilts and blankets and so many, many things. On another wall of the store, you are likely to find fleece and other plush fabrics typically used for blankets and pajamas and other cozy things. These fabrics will also be more expensive, so make sure to bring a coupon. All the major chains have printable coupons if you just google it. An overlook of the rest of the store might show you something like this. You can see lots of different types of fabric indicated by the various signs. Shown above are specialty type fabrics that you would use for fancy dresses, clothing and other special occasions. A few other, possibly more hidden parts of the store include home decor fabrics-typically on large rolls that are very wide: In still another section you will find trims like ribbon and lace that you can buy by the yard. Just take them up to the cutting counter just like any fabric and have them cut it for you: And there will be a corner with interfacing: And then the rest of the store will be filled with things like thread and notions and any other sewing supplies that you might need: OK, so you browse all of the different types of fabric and notions and find something you want. Understanding How to Buy Fabric: First of all, take notice of the end of the bolt. Take your fabric or trim or interfacing up to the cutting counter and tell them how much you need. Try to figure out ahead of time about how much you are going to need. Shopping Online for Fabric: Just make sure that you are taking note of the different types of fabric in the descriptions before you put them in your shopping cart so that you are sure you are getting what you actually need. They also offer accessories like ribbons and trims and some notions online as well. Different Types of Fabrics: Available in many different styles including designer fabrics with bold and trendy prints, baby fabrics, quilting fabrics, seasonal fabrics and lots more. Heavyweight fabrics like duck, canvas, and denim: These will be heavier thicker than your basic cotton calicos and more sturdy, so they will hold up longer, making them great options for outdoor projects or things that need a little weight to them. Can be great for things like throw pillows, outdoorsy type things, tote bags, or anything else you want a heavier weight for. Soft and cozy and perfect for things like blankets and pajamas or all things baby. They will be a little more expensive. They may pill a little after washing. Some will have a nap to them as well which you will need to be mindful of while sewing. Perfect for baby blankets or any blankets really, pajamas, stuffed animals or anything that needs to be snuggly. Usually you will find a flannel section with lots of baby prints as well as other prints. Pajamas, blankets, things that you want to be soft but not bulky. You will find a section with things like satin soft and silky , tulle like netting and silks. These are usually used for dresses and other fancy things. One warning-they are quite a bit harder to sew on than regular cotton and will take some practice because they are so slippery. Soft and stretchy like a t-shirt. Also can be a little harder to sew on because they stretch, but not too difficult. You may need less fabric because of this. For more details on types of knits because they vary see my ebook. OK, what do you think? You ready to go fabric shopping now? You Might

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3: Examples of Culture

Learning about different cultures can be a great way of developing an understanding of cultural diversity. Do a spot of research online or through books, and study some of the history and traditions of other cultures.

An Introduction to Multiple Perspectives To begin the exploration of perspective, explain to students that you are going to give them a small piece of a larger picture, which has been cut into pieces. Model how to create a picture based on a small part of the photograph. After groups have been formed, distribute pieces of the photograph to the members of each group. Have students draw what they think the rest of the photo might look like, without looking at the other pieces. Remind them to focus on their part only. Have the members of each group share their illustrations with one another. Engage students in discussion about the similarities and differences of their illustrations. Ask them to predict what the entire picture might be. Assemble all of the pieces of the picture to reveal the entire image. After completing the photograph activity, introduce the concept of perspective. Explain that perspective is point of view: Make connections and provide examples, such as the following: Connect to photograph activity, where each student formed a different idea of the original photograph because each was seeing it from a different perspective. Point out that there are always at least two sides to every story, which is why people go to court and why teachers ask each student involved in a disagreement to tell his or her side of a story. Relate the idea of perspective to reading: Sometimes the narrator is a character in the story. Some stories have more than one narrator, so we get different perspectives on the story. **Seven Blind Mice** Introduce the book *Seven Blind Mice* by telling students that it shows the perspective of seven different characters. Distribute a copy of the Sketch to Stretch sheet to each student and explain that each block is to be used to depict the perspective of one of the mice in the story. Read aloud *Seven Blind Mice*. Before reading the ending of the book, have the students try to put together the images from the different perspectives to infer what the entire picture might be. After this discussion, finish the book. To close the lesson, have the students complete the self-assessment form *Can I See Different Perspectives?* Also encourage them to ask questions about the book and think about what kinds of pictures they might see in the book. Encourage students to explain their thoughts as they discuss. Review the idea of perspective and connect it to *Fish Is Fish*. Ask students whose perspective they think *Fish Is Fish* will be told from and why. Then explain to the students that *Fish Is Fish* is told from the very different perspectives of a fish and of a tadpole that turns into a frog. Students will complete the remaining sessions and activities with this partner. Distribute copies of the *Fish Is Fish* Script. The students will verbally read aloud the script with their partners. Provide students with the appropriate labels for their baseball caps optional. Circulate and observe as students read through script with their partners. Have students discuss in their pairs which character Fish or Frog had a more positive perspective of life and why. Then, share thoughts as a class. To close the lesson, ask students whether playing the part of the fish and the frog after learning about perspective helped them feel as though they were thinking like the fish or frog. Using an Author as a Mentor Tell students that during the next two lessons they will complete a project using their skills of thinking from the perspective of someone or something else. Tell students that they will be writing a diary from the perspective of an animal of their choosing. Students will be working with the partners they read with during the last session to create this diary. Ask students how they think they could learn about the perspective of a particular animal researching, asking questions, reading about the animal. Distribute one copy of each book to each set of partners. What is similar in the story lines? Distribute copies of *Doreen Cronin as Our Mentor*. Encourage students to use different diary entry ideas within their pairs and to choose different items to emulate, as they will be writing the diary together. Distribute a copy of the *Research Notes* worksheet to each student, and have students go over the different types of facts they should look for about the animal. Provide students with time to discuss with their partners what animal they will research. You may want to go through your magazines ahead of time so you know which animals you have information for. Different partnerships may choose the same animal as long as information sources are available for each partnership. Bring students back together for short whole-class instruction. Model how to form additional questions students will need to answer to complete their animal diaries. What might this

animal need to learn when it is young or at some point during its lifetime? Quickly review how the headings on each page can guide the reader to particular information. To close the session, have two sets of partners meet and share information about what they have found. Gathering the Ingredients Ask students what they remember about the concept of perspective from the previous sessions, and review the points covered in the sessions. When we read a story we see it from the perspective, or point of view, of the narrator, who may also be a character in the story. Different characters in the story have different perspectives on the events. Awareness of different perspectives is a type of critical thinking. Remind students that they will be working to write a diary from the perspective of a chosen animal. If necessary, review research and note-taking techniques. Have students review the preliminary research they conducted with Zoobooks or Ranger Rick magazines during the last lesson, and formulate some additional questions they would like to answer through their research. In the computer lab or on classroom computers, have students open the Websites for Research. Explain that students should use these sites to find information about their chosen animals and answer as many questions as possible on the Research Notes worksheet. Assist students in navigating the sites and finding the needed information. Partners can work together to gather the information, or each partner can work separately and compare and combine information in the end. Planning for the Diary Have students review their Research Notes from the previous session and select interesting facts to include in their animal diaries. Distribute copies of the Diary Planning Sheet and explain that students should use the sheet to structure their diaries, filling in what will go on each page of the diary. Model for students how to construct a diary entry using the information gathered along with possible types of entries listed on the Doreen Cronin as Our Mentor handout. Students will be working with their partners to decide which entries will be used and who will be writing which entries. Make sure that each set of partners does the following: As students finish planning, provide each student with five copies of the Diary Entry Template. Students can begin working on their entries today and complete them in Sessions 7 and 8. Sessions 7 and 8: Writing From a Different Perspective If not distributed during the last session, provide each student with five copies of the Diary Entry Template. Guide and assist students as needed while they create their journal entries. After students have written all of their entries, they should illustrate the various entries. Assist students in assembling their diaries, alternating pages by student. Sharing Our Learning Set aside a class session for partner sets to share their diaries with the class orally. Since students worked in pairs, photocopy the diaries so that each partner has a copy. After sharing, make sure to distribute Self-Assessment: What Did I Learn? Assist them in adding a soundtrack of themselves reading the diary aloud if desired. Have students visit younger classes and share their diaries as read-alouds or in a Readers Theatre format. To continue their study of multiple perspectives, have students read *The Big Orange Splot* by Daniel Pinkwater and rewrite the text as a script for Readers Theatre. Students can visit the *Diary of a Fly* website to remind them of their project and connect their learning to technology. Use the Teacher Rating Form: Use the Teacher Rubric: Are students noticing similarities? Are they focusing on a particular subject that they find interesting? Observe students as they formulate additional questions for research. Are their questions appropriate for finding the information needed for their diary entries? Are students formulating questions with ease or do they require assistance in formulating questions? Observe students as they engage in research on the web. Are students locating information with ease? Are they using their worksheets to record and organize information?

4: Multiple Perspectives: Building Critical Thinking Skills - ReadWriteThink

This book explores two different but related ideas: design and understanding. In the previous chapter we explored good design in general and what the template specifically calls for. But before we can go into depth about the template, we need to step back and consider the other strand of the book—understanding.

Understanding Kilauea—a different flavor of volcano May 10, by Josie Garthwaite, Stanford University The lava lake at the summit of Kilauea dropped to more than feet below the crater rim in just a few days. But in recent days fountains of lava hundreds of feet high, a dozen new fissures and plumes of steam, ash, and gases have struck the area around Kilauea and forced more than 1, people to flee their homes. Hundreds of earthquakes and changes in the shape of Kilauea foretold the eruption and facilitated early warnings for residents, but it remains unknown how the eruption will unfold or how long it will last. Kilauea has been erupting slowly for years without being a threat to people and their homes. It had been erupting in very sparsely populated areas; those areas were overrun by lava flows a long time ago. Starting on Wednesday [May 2], the eruption shifted to the east, through what we call the East Rift Zone, and moved closer to people. Road access to that area is limited, so if it cuts the roads, people who live south of that are pretty much isolated. How did geologists know this eruption was coming? Did they have a real volcano forecast? On Monday, April 30, the U. Geological Survey USGS saw that earthquakes were migrating into this area and the ground was changing shape. Very precise GPS units measured the motion of the volcano to millimeter level accuracy and tilt meters measured how the ground was tilting. We can measure ground deformation from space with radar satellites as well. Sometimes those are the most dangerous ones. You can try to draw analogies to other, similar kinds of volcanoes, but a physics-based approach would add to our ability to do forecasting. We also want to understand better how these systems work. We know to some degree what causes explosive versus non-explosive eruptions, but what controls the time scales of how they evolve? Have there been any surprises at Kilauea so far? When an earthquake occurs, that changes stress in the volcano, and that may or may not lead to other things. For example, at the summit of the volcano, the lava level has been dropping since Friday. But if it drops low enough that it allows groundwater to come into the volcanic conduit and make contact with very hot lava, it can lead to potentially explosive eruptions. The water table at Kilauea is very low—hundreds of meters below the surface—so it would have to drop really far. Does activity at Kilauea tell us anything about what we might expect as far as seismic or volcanic activity elsewhere? The Hawaiian volcanoes are examples of what we call hotspot volcanoes, which are quite different from other types of volcanoes like Mount St. Helens in the Cascades of the Pacific Northwest. The Hawaiian volcanoes are sitting right in the middle of the Pacific plate. Hot material in the mantle is rising from great depth and impinges on the Pacific plate. The migration of the Kilauea eruption this past week into more populated areas is being driven by relatively shallow processes, which are not going to affect anything in the Cascades or Japan, or anywhere else around the Pacific Ring of Fire. This will be isolated to Kilauea. As a person who has spent a lot of time in volcano country, how do you think about the choice to live potentially in the path of lava flows? I participated in the Wrigley Field course a couple times, and one time we went out with some students, not too far from where the activity is now—a little farther west—and we saw people rebuilding houses on lavas that were probably a year old. But everybody has their own level of risk tolerance. People very close to Kilauea are aware of lava flow hazards. The thing that worries me is on the other side of the island—the Kona side where all the big resorts are. There are lava flows from Mauna Loa volcano—a much larger neighbor of Kilauea—that are not that old. That would roar right through these developments. Zoning and planning is also important. Not that long ago, decades ago, large lava flows extended very far on the other side of the island.

5: Difference Between Knowing and Understanding | Difference Between

Both are useful estate planning devices that serve different purposes, and both can work together to create a complete estate plan. One main difference between a will and a trust is that a will goes into effect only after you die, while a trust takes effect as soon as you create it.

It includes some additional points raised in discussion of the paper. But there is a lack of clarity and consensus, both in general discourse and in the LIS literature, as to what is meant by understanding. Hans-Georg Gadamer Understanding is often associated in philosophical discourse with the hermeneutics of Gadamer, drawing on the thought of Husserl and Heidegger, and emphasising interpretation of texts; see, in order of accessibility, Zimmermann, Gadamer, and Gadamer. Stock and Stock outline this approach, and its relevance to information science and information systems. We are not seeking to ignore or to contradict this approach, rather to suggest that there may be an alternative and complementary viewpoint. The idea that understanding is associated with a form of knowledge sufficiently deep as to be able to provide explanation is attractive as a pragmatic way of dealing with the concept. It seems sensible to look for a more firmly grounded explanation, and perhaps a definition, of the idea of understanding. Methods The study is based on a synthesis of philosophical literature, found from a selective literature review. Close reading of a set of selected articles led to a synthesis of concepts. Floridi and , as is well known, defines information as well-formed, meaningful and truthful data, in his general definition of information GDI. Knowledge, he regards as information formed into larger units: What the former enjoys and the latter lacks is the web of mutual relations that allow one part of it to account for another. The references to accounting and making sense suggest that knowledge may necessarily have explanatory power, often associated with understanding. Winograd and Flores, p. More formally, Floridi chapter 12, and argues that information may be upgraded to knowledge by being embedded in a network of questions and answers that correctly accounts for all of the information items. This is termed a theory of account, an idea going back to Plato, account here meaning simply giving reasons causal explanations, logical deductions, didactic factual support, clarification through example or analogy, and so on to link the individual pieces of information. Does this equate knowledge with understanding? Understanding, therefore, is a state of a conscious entity, when it has internalised knowledge, which is itself a collection of information arranged in a network of a particular nature, its nodes linked by account-giving interrelations. Jeroen de Ridder regards understanding as a kind of higher-order knowledge, in a network of knowledge with internal coherence and explanatory potential. David Deutsch gives an explanation, though not a rigorous definition, of understanding, as distinct from knowing, describing and predicting. He states that understanding is hard to define exactly, but it encompasses the inner working of things, why things are as they are and having coherence and elegance; it is about deep explanations and simplicity. Again there is no direct relation to information, but there is a similar emphasis to Floridi on coherent explanatory capability. Jonathan Kvanvig distinguishes understanding from information, knowledge and truth. This approach is able to cope with ambiguity, contradiction, missing or false information, and all the other messy features present in real-world information collections. It is not inconsistent with the typical pragmatic understanding noted above, but it goes beyond it. It emphasizes that in understanding we are always: This seems to be the sort of conception of understanding of value for the pragmatic needs of LIS. Adam Toon takes understanding to be a cognitive state; understanding feels different from just knowing, requiring not merely possession of information or knowledge, but also an ability to see or grasp the connections between them. He exemplifies this with the use of pen and paper, but it is tempting to extend this to suggest that understanding may involve more complex information tools. However, as Toon points out, having the address of a website of an online course for a subject is not at all the same as understanding the subject. Christoph Kelp uses a knowledge-based account of understanding to deal with the evident fact that there can be different degrees of understanding. He, like the other authors mentioned here, equates understanding to connected knowledge; the more comprehensive and well-connected the knowledge, the greater the degree of understanding. In particular, the veridicality requirement seems onerous. We know that much information, even the best information to hand at

any time, is not necessarily true. Even scientific theories, often held as the most reliable form of our knowledge, are open to correction and improvement. This was the point made by Karl Popper, when he insisted that his World 3 of objective knowledge must encompass error and contradiction. However, this is not how most of those involved in the information disciplines would naturally regard the contents of their collections. What is needed, it seems, is a reconciliation of the ideas of Floridi and of Kvanvig, in providing an account of understanding helpful for LIS. This may be approached, we suggest, by adapting the ideas of Kelp on degrees of understanding. Where Kelp takes the comprehensiveness, and the extent of connectedness, of knowledge as the criteria for degree of understanding, we may add truthfulness as a third criterion. Thereby, complete understanding is characterised by a collection of information which is comprehensive, optimally connected, and entirely truthful; when any of the three criteria are less than a maximum, the degree of understanding is thereby reduced. We are therefore able to propose a tentative account of understanding, to be of value for LIS as follows: Information is taken to be well-formed, meaningful, truthful data. Knowledge is taken to be information organised in a network of account-giving inter-relations. Understanding occurs when a conscious entity, supported as necessary by information systems, appreciates the totality of a body of knowledge, including its interconnections. The extent to which the knowledge is incomplete, contradictory or false determines the degree to which understanding is less than complete. While this account is not formally stated, it does seem to satisfactorily reconcile the perspectives of Popper, Kvanvig and Floridi, in a way which should prove acceptable for the pragmatic purposes of LIS. It also poses a useful counterpoint to the hermeneutic conception, so that the complementary nature of the two could usefully be examined.

Conclusions The pragmatic value of an account of understanding, of the kind developed here, is that it may prove useful in developing new generations of information systems and services which may directly and explicitly support the gaining of understanding. This will require systems which go beyond the provision of facts, knowledge fragments, and documents, and beyond the answering of specific queries. Bawden and Robinson, Development of such systems will require studies of the information behaviours and practices, and the information literacies, associated with the gaining of understanding, rather than simply the acquiring of information. A careful formal account of what we mean by understanding, of which the tentative proposal presented here is a starting point, is needed to underlie such developments, and to contribute to their success. This is likely to require a synthesis of the conception outlined here, based on Philosophy of Information, and the arguably complementary conception based on hermeneutics.

Post-conference addenda In discussion after the paper, it was pointed out that different groups might reach entirely different understandings, based on essentially the same body of public knowledge; climate change pressure groups were noted as an example thanks to Geoffrey Bowker for sparking this discussion. Even more dramatically, conspiracy theorists may form entirely coherent and inter-connected knowledge frameworks, which have little to do with truthful information as generally understood. Maintaining these frameworks of understanding seems to rely on selective information seeking, and on active avoidance of potentially contradictory information, as shown in the paper presented at this CoLIS9 conference by Bhuvana Narayan and Medina Preljevic on anti-vaccination pressure groups. It seems reasonable to regard such an understanding as deficient compared with one which is able to accept and consider all potential relevant information. Perhaps a further, fourth, criterion for the extent of understanding; a Popperian commitment to accepting, indeed actively seeking, potentially disruptive knowledge, which could amend and extend the framework of understanding. The question was also raised as to whether the kind of understanding outlined here is necessarily an attribute of an individual, or whether it could also apply to the understanding of a social group. Whether it is appropriate to regard a group of people as such an entity seems doubtful, and therefore this is strictly an account of individual understanding. However, where we find groups defined by a common knowledge-base, as in the socio-cognitive basis of domain analysis, it may be reasonable, and helpful, to apply some of these considerations to the understanding of the group as a whole, provided that we do not imply that we are dealing with a group consciousness.

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6: "We have a different understanding" | David McLaren

Hawaii's Kilauea volcano has been oozing lava for more than three decades. But in recent days fountains of lava hundreds of feet high, a dozen new fissures and plumes of steam, ash, and gases.

Culture can be viewed as the customs, arts and social interactions of a particular nation, people, or other social group. It can also be defined as an appreciation of the arts and human intellectual achievement. In both views of culture, examples can provide a good way to get a quick understanding of culture. Identifying the Cultures Around You Examples of culture can be seen everywhere around you. Corporate Culture Culture at work can be shown in a variety of ways including how people dress, how the offices are designed, how the employees are treated and the way the company interjects its culture into its products services and how it projects itself to its customers. An office might be casual or formal in design. Employees may be encouraged to dress casually to encourage a feeling of equality and to encourage comfort and productivity. Management might project a caring and personable attitude by sending cards and gifts to employees on key dates in their lives such as birthdays, marriages, births and deaths of family members. The caring and personable attitude of management may be projected to the customers through a high level of service, personal recognition of key customers and corporate involvement in community and charitable organizations. The attitudes and ways in which people act are an example of the corporate culture at your office. Culture of Diversity You may live in a town that is very accepting of people of different races, genders, sexual orientations and national origins. The community calendar may be filled with festivals and events that include community members from different races and national origins. The local library may provide informational seminars and research materials for citizens born in other countries. There might be multiple sports options for citizens of both genders and all ages. The agenda of the city staff, local businesses and religious organizations may promote a wide variety of exciting shopping, educational and religious experiences. These actions would be examples of a culture of diversity. Popular Culture The activities of the citizens generate the popular culture. What you listen to, what you read, what you wear and how you speak are all examples of your popular culture. The favorite music of the culture may include artists on the Billboard Top or from the newest pop stars on YouTube. Best selling books and popular films can play a big role in shaping the opinions and experiences of a culture. Interaction through social networking can provide the vehicle for people of all ages, races, interests and genders to quickly communicate and share their ideas. Fashion trends can be a bellwether of both the current culture and the direction in which a popular is moving. Casual clothes may reflect a more relaxed culture while fast-moving, quick-changing trends may echo the fast-changing cultural trends. Language is a key way to communicate the goals, thoughts and experiences of popular culture. Multiple languages, slang expressions, new words for new experiences can all work together to describe the current culture. All of these things are examples of popular culture. Foreign Culture You might visit a new country and marvel at the way in which people in that country talk, think or act. The language of a country binds together the citizens of a country and can allow for their effective communication. Dialects and accents can help identify the various subcultures within a country. The way a country approaches their culture is often reflected in how they spend their collective time, money and energies and may be reflective in how they establish their laws. The etiquette and customs of a country can play a key role in developing the appearance of a country. These are examples of exposure to a foreign culture. Recognizing Examples of Culture You may not think about being exposed to these different examples of culture every day, but you intuitively know that there are certain attitudes, feelings and ideas that exist when you go to a certain place. You can also instinctually tell the difference between different cultures. Going to a stuffy and formal law firm is always going to have a different feeling than going to a casual tech start-up. Going to a progressive place like Amsterdam is always going to feel different than going to a very conservative country such as a Muslim country in the Middle East. These attitudes, feelings, ideas and things that you perceive as you go about your day are all examples of culture. These examples relate to the type of culture defined simply as shared attitudes, values and beliefs of a people. This type of culture is important because it helps you to learn how to think, act and feel if you want to fit in with the mainstream. It also

explains why you might experience culture shock when you suddenly move to a new country or start interacting with a new group of people who have very different attitudes and beliefs from the ones you are used to. High Culture and Sophisticated Taste While one definition of culture relates to the attitudes and beliefs of a group of people as a whole, there is also another definition of culture as well. This definition refers to high culture - culture, in this sense, refers to having what has come to be known as "sophisticated" taste in the fine arts or humanities. Examples of this kind of culture include: An appreciation for opera A love of classical music Enjoying the ballet Reading fine literature such as the classics An appreciation for gourmet food and wine Ironically, people who embrace "culture" of this type might tend to look down their noses at popular culture. The so-called "cultural elite," therefore, often like to separate themselves from the culture as a whole. Understanding Culture Understanding the different meanings and types of culture is important. When you think about different examples of culture, it helps to give you a better understanding of the world around you and of the ideas, beliefs and values that you experience every day. YourDictionary definition and usage example.

7: Understand The Culture of Your Practice | Dimensions of Culture

The first key skill is called www.enganchecubano.com beautiful skill we have as human beings is the capability to take a different perspective. For fun, try this.

Share via Email Experiencing new lands is an exciting way to bring the world into your classroom. Language is a defining feature of people. In many western societies we might be tempted to assume that being able to speak and understand more than one language is the exception. Marcel Proust, the French novelist, observed that "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new lands but in seeing with new eyes". He realised that by working with other people we learn about their cultures and become able to explore new ideas and prospects. Options that would not have occurred to us before stand out as obvious if we understand how other people experience the world. This is why, I believe, it is so important for students to have a deeper global awareness and understanding of other cultures. In my own experience, leaving my small town in southern Spain to explore Italy for two weeks during my sixth form opened up a whole new world. As I found myself immersed in a different culture, it struck me that Italians, previously perceived by myself as peculiar beings, were in fact the norm in their context and that I was the stranger. Students nowadays are more likely to have travelled abroad by age of 16 and have easy access to a world of information through the internet. However, they still need to be guided through the process of discovery so that a deeper understanding of their own place in the world is developed. This is why fostering global awareness and international collaboration in our classrooms are so beneficial to our students. Schools understand this and have traditionally encouraged the need to put learning into context. At my school we have three foreign language assistants and hold four foreign exchanges each year - in addition to a range of cultural trips abroad. The moment in which a cohort of year 8 pupils land in Seville and realise that Spanish has a life beyond the textbook, the year 7s visiting Normandy and noticing that people behave and react in familiar ways but the small differences are what really matters. The awkward dinner conversations of foreign exchange students with their German host families, the sudden realisation that Dubai is such a long way away on so many different levels. These are character building experiences that bring out the best and worst in all of us and from which we learn so much. Modern means of communication such as social networks and video conferencing can ensure that our students experience foreign cultures with unprecedented ease. Class Twitter accounts link students in real time across the face of the planet with projects devised around common academic subjects and cross-cultural understanding. Skype allows us to converse face-to-face with people from other countries, allowing us to knock down classroom walls and hear it direct from the source. Google Maps lets our pupils take a walk down the streets of every major town and city in the world, allowing them to sight-see and get a sense of other cultures from the comfort of their own classroom. And blogs provide geographically distant schools with the means to partner together so that their pupils can interact in a safe virtual environment, contributing a valuable international dimension to peer assessment. Both Britain - through the British Council - and the EU - through the Comenius and eTwinning programmes - are actively encouraging international partnerships between schools. These projects also promote the sharing of their resources so that, not only students, but also teachers can benefit from the exchange of practices, knowledge and expertise, with welcome positive implications for teacher training and professional development. Global awareness and international collaboration during the formative years results in more rounded individuals, encouraging our pupils to see things from different perspectives and helping them to make informed decisions, acquiring transferable skills that will be useful to them and will remain with them for life. According to the Association of Graduate Recruiters companies cannot find enough applicants with the requisite skills to operate in an international market place, indicating that greater efforts by schools in fostering global awareness and international collaboration are needed to best prepare our students - and ourselves - for life in the 21st century. He is also a languages and educational technology consultant and can be found on Twitter [josepicardo](#). This content is brought to you by Guardian Professional. Sign up to the Guardian Teacher Network to get access to more than , pages of teaching resources and join our growing community. Looking for your next role? See our [Guardian jobs for schools](#) site

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8: Understanding Kilaueaâ€™s a different flavor of volcano

Understanding Kilaueaâ€™s a different flavor of volcano May 10, by Josie Garthwaite, Stanford University The lava lake at the summit of Kilauea dropped to more than feet below the crater.

Mr Harper spoke of giving First Nations people jobs so they can progress. Grand Chief Shawn Atleo spoke of another kind of relationship, one informed by an Aboriginal understanding of things. He even brought the wampum agreements of the s, made long before the Indian Act and residential schools would corrupt the future. They mean different things to people who are different. To you the Creator has given the Book, to us he has given the land. But religion is the rock on which a cultureâ€™s any cultureâ€™s is built. His best example is the shift in understanding of our solar system from the Ptolemaic to the Copernicanâ€™s from the earth at the centre to the sun at the centre. That shift, like most paradigm shifts, was mightily resisted. Galileo, despite his telescopic evidence supporting Copernicus, was hauled up before the Inquisition. Our paradigm has been nicely summed up by Niall Ferguson in his new book, *Civilization: They are the paradigm of the West and they have served us well ever since not coincidentally when Columbus sailed the ocean blue and Copernicus was dreaming up his sun-centred theory. They have served other peoples not so well, especially Indigenous cultures. These six apps have allowed us to out-compete whomever we came across. Driven by these cultural imperatives, we built empires based on colonizing others. Maybe progress is a figment of our cultural imagination. What are the apps of Aboriginal society? You find it in all kinds of words that hold a treasure trove of cultural meaning. This methodology, by the way, is far superior to Western science for understanding complex ecosystems. There is competition, but it is fettered by devaluing confrontation and valuing saving face. There is consumption, but it is mitigated by the practical and cultural directive to not take more than you need. There is rule of law, not based on private property, but on public harmony. The emphasis is on re-calibrating relationships rather than incarcerating offenders. But, as we should know by now, when we apply our apps to Aboriginal communities the result is a demonic parody of Western culture: Native men and women in jail far out of proportion to their numbers in Canada. Rates of infant mortality that are a national shame. There are those, like Tom Flanagan, whose Western paradigm is so deeply bred in the bone that they still think Aboriginal people should become like us. They should, for example, own the land their houses sit on. Then, as land-owners, they could raise capital and do things with their lives just like the rest of us. Well, been there, done that in the US with the Dawes Act. The result was predictable. Allotments and defaults eventually allowed Euro-Americans to own reserve land. Naturally, the newcomers applied their cultural paradigm â€™s the killer apps â€™s to override Aboriginal jurisdiction on their own reservations. And they told us to close our eyes to pray. When we opened our eyes, they had the land and we had the Bible. For more on the wampum belt understandings, click here. The Minister said something mealy-mouthed about the need for jobs and then, before the media could press the point, was hustled out of the room by his handlers. A bit later, Grand Chief Shawn Atleo said that resource revenue sharing must be on the table. Meanwhile Minister Duncan has given Attawapiskat a choice: The money is a red herring. For more on that go here and here and here and here great rap, literally, on Duncan and Harper. They give only the appearance of reconciliation, because only equals can be reconciled. An apology is insincere if made to people oppressed, for they are in no position to refuse it. But refuse it they must lest the oppressor take the apology for license to begin work on some new offence. Update The federal government announced, in August , that it will pursue legislation to allow Aboriginal people to own reserve land in fee-simple. Apparently, it will be voluntary â€™s First Nations can opt in or not. Some welcome the move, others oppose it. I think it is the highway to assimilation.*

9: Finding your style: understanding all the different styles

Different ethnic or religious cultures can exist within a single nation or region as well, and different subcultures can exist within those ethnic or religious cultures. In terms of human society, the word culture refers to learned behaviors, practices and points of view that are characteristic of a specific group of people.

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