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Applying the 7 characteristics of culture to *WhaleRider*

We started with the question, "What is culture?" We also discovered how culture is closely linked and interwoven with geography, which was our second question, "How does geography shape culture?" To further help our understanding of culture we broke it into 7 different categories.

Using all of your background knowledge of culture and geography and the framework of the 7 characteristics of culture please answer the following questions based on the movie *Whale Rider.* You may, of course, refer to your notes from the movie and your notes about culture. **Answers should be complete sentences in your own words, and have specific examples from the movie.** This is your opportunity to really demonstrate how much you've learned and know about culture so answers should be at least 3 sentences in length (bare minimum) and have depth. Take your time and invest your energy into giving high quality work! ☺

On a separate piece of paper answer the following questions:

1.   We **learn** our culture continuously through interaction, observation and imitation. Give an example of this from the movie.

2.   What are some **symbols** representing this particular group of Maoris? How are the symbols preserved?

3.   In what ways were the Maori traditions, language and history **transmitted** to the younger **generation**?

4.   Pika's grandfather can be described as being **ethnocentric**. Why?

5.   A living culture is **dynamic** and subject to change when it comes into contact with something of influence. Give evidence of some changes or influences from outside sources.

6.   Pika's grandfather feels very strongly about keeping the Maori traditions, customs and beliefs reinforced and alive. He is resistant to change and compromise. Why is the binding of the culture weakening and what must he do or accept in order to help the culture **survive**?

7.   Give an example of how culture is **integrated**. Did Pika's role have an impact on how other people behaved? What were some effects?