 **What is Culture?**

**Introduction**

* Culture has different meanings to different people;
* To some it means art or music, while others think of food or clothing;
* Some may even think language and beliefs;
* Culture is the collected values, customs, beliefs, artifacts, and arts of a group of people.

**Core Values**

* Core values are the basic ideas that explain how a group thinks and acts;
* Cultural customs and traditions come directly from core values and may include religious holidays;
* Artifacts are any objects produced within a cultural group and may include buildings;
* Language is one of the ways in which values and customs are passed between generations.

**Canada’s Aboriginal Cultures**

* 2006, population of the three groups numbered 1 million;
* The Inuit – Live in northern Canada;
* The First Nations – Found throughout Canada and have negotiated land treaties;
* The Métis – Culture draws on their diverse origins of First Nations and European life.

**Conclusion**

* There are three main categories of culture;
* Core Values are at the centre of culture;
* Language, customs and traditions, and artifacts are the three main categories of culture.