

Culture

there are 100s of definitions!!

* Classic definition by E.B. Tylor in 1871:

That complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom, and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of society.

* Definition on my syllabus:

That body of values, assumptions, and practices that we acquire as members of society and that shapes who we are, what we do, and how we see the world.

* Definition in Lassiter book:

Culture, in an anthropological sense, is a shared and negotiated system of meaning informed by knowledge that people learn and put into practice by interpreting experience and generating behavior.

This is the definition we will use in this class