After the Quiz:

Read "Discovering Culture" on page 15-16 of your SS workbooks.

Underline any information about language, customs, foods, celebrations!

Complete this part of the chart on page 17.
Outcomes:

I can identify cultural elements that have contributed to the state's heritage.

I can engage effectively in collaborative discussions.

*maintain eye contact*
Last week we learned about the place that we call Louisiana!

The geography can make a place UNIQUE, but there are other factors that also make a place unique.

As we learn what culture is, we will be looking for examples around the world as well as in our lives in Louisiana!
Discovering Culture

Culture refers to a group’s way of life, or how they do things. The culture of a community is the way of life for a group that has been passed from one generation to the next.

Every community in the world has a culture. Culture is reflected in how a community—a group of people—has lived in the past and how they live now. It is a collection of many things like the members of the community, languages spoken, customs and traditions, and religious beliefs and practices. These are preserved in the present, and given to future generations. From ancient civilizations to the present, there are ways to discover what a group of people believe in, what they value as important, and how they live their lives.

A custom is an accepted way of doing something or an accepted way of behaving that is special to a certain group, a certain place, or a certain time. It is something done regularly. Customs are one way to learn about a community’s culture. For example, in America when people meet for the first time, it is a custom to shake right hands firmly, make eye contact, and introduce yourself. It is also a custom in the United States to stand, face the flag, and place your right hand over your heart when the “Pledge of Allegiance” is recited. Some cultures have customs that are special ways of celebrating birthdays or specific ways to greet each other.
A tradition is a behavior or action that has been handed down from a previous generation. There are many different types of traditions. Examples include family traditions, social traditions, patriotic traditions, and religious traditions. The traditions of a group or community can tell a lot about their culture. Traditions can often relate to the way a holiday is celebrated. For example, May Day is a spring holiday celebrated in many countries in the northern hemisphere, and one May Day tradition is to dance in costume around a Maypole. The Matabele women in Zimbabwe, Africa, are known for their detailed beadwork. It is a tradition for this skill to be passed from generation to generation, and it helps them make a living.

Customs and traditions are some ways to find evidence of a community’s culture. Each of these captures part of ‘the story’ that allows us to know what a group of people believes in, what they value as important, and how they live their lives.
Did you notice any elements of culture in the passage?

language

customs

foods

celebrations
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These are elements that of culture that are passed down through generations!
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