is....

the way of life of a group of people.
Which means....... 

The behaviours, beliefs, and characteristics of a particular social, ethnic, or age group.

Which means....... 

The sum total of ‘ways of living’ built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another.
Cultures are made up of **tangible** and **non-tangible** items.

**Tangible:** Something that is real or actual, that physically exists.

**Non-tangible:** Something that does not exist as a material item, it is perception.
To help define a culture we refer to **Culture Traits**.

**Culture Traits**: The smallest, identifiable elements of a culture such as a ....
....a song,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvumSHWNgel&feature=related
....a saying,

“STAY WHERE YOU’RE TO, TILL I COMES WHERE YOU’RE AT!”

“LONG MAY YOUR BIG JIB DRAW”
....a type of food, or
...a tool.

Groups of similar traits are called components.
CULTURE TRAITS

Three components:

1. **Artifacts:** the objects, material items, and technologies created by our culture, as part of our tangible culture.

2. **Sociofacts:** the structures and organizations of our culture that influence social behaviour, how we act, etc. (families, governments, education system)

3. **Mentifacts:** the shared ideas, values, and beliefs of our culture.
Culture Complexes

The interaction of two or more culture traits.

(ie. A pair of skates, knowing how to skate, enjoying winter activities)

What does this say about our complex culture?