What shapes Culture? (1.3)

There are four main factors or forces that have the most impact on the culture of a region

1. Economics
2. Geography
3. History
4. Politics
Economics

Economic issues influence what we do for a living, how we spend our money, and even where we live.

How would the following effect your lifestyle?
The community?

1) The price of oil
2) Interest rates
3) Unemployment
4) Exchange rate of the Canadian dollar
5) A new business opening
6) An industry in decline
Geography has a great effect on our culture. For example:

- The foods we eat
- The clothes we wear
- How we build our homes
- The resources available
What have the following resources meant for our province?

1) Fish
2) Forests
3) Hydroelectric energy
4) Minerals
5) Oil
History has a great impact on our culture. For example:

- customs from the past
- holiday observances
- recreational activities
- our spoken language
History

YOUR TASK

In small groups, create list of artifacts, sociofacts and metafacts that have been part of your culture for more than 100 years
Politics

Decisions that are made by all levels of government (municipal, provincial and federal) impact our lives, therefore, our culture.
Politics

Describe how the following political decisions would influence your lifestyle, AND how it might impact our culture:

• Taxes are raised or lowered
• A new law is passed
Dimensions of Thinking

Your Task

• Read through *Continuity and Change* (Text, pg. 28) and examine both graphs.

• Questions
  1) What areas have changed the most?
  2) Have new industries been established?
Case Study: Exploring Issues in the Social Studies

Your Task

• Read through the case study on pg. 29.

As you view the media clips above, answer the questions on the paper provided by your teacher.