

Culture Marks Places

Sort changes in culture from places shaped by culture.

WG.8.c "analyzing cultural influences and landscapes; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CULTURAL INFLUENCE

A cultural influence happens when one group's customs, ideas, language, food, or arts affect another group. It describes a change in how people live or express culture.

Weavers in one region begin using a textile pattern learned from visitors.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

A cultural landscape is a visible place shaped by people and their culture. It can include buildings, farms, roads, or the layout of a settlement.

Windmills beside coastal fields show how people have used the land.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Part 1: Circle INFLUENCE or LANDSCAPE for each item; Part 2: Choose two items and explain which details helped you sort them.

- | | | | |
|----|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Residents begin using words from another language in everyday speech. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 2. | A street is lined with homes built in the style of local Indigenous traditions. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 3. | A canal system carries water to fields that people created for farming. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 4. | A region's food changes when families bring recipes from another country. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 5. | Students at a school adopt a dance first performed in another culture. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 6. | A community starts observing a religious celebration brought by settlers. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 7. | A city has a historic district of tightly packed row houses. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |
| 8. | A town begins playing a musical instrument introduced through trade. | ☐ INFLUENCE | ☐ LANDSCAPE |

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM #

HOW I KNEW

ITEM #

HOW I KNEW

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a cultural influence and one new example of a cultural landscape.

INFLUENCE

LANDSCAPE

CHALLENGE

Describe one place in two sentences. Identify one cultural influence there and one cultural landscape feature, and explain why each fits.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Residents begin using words from another language in everyday speech.	INFLUENCE	Using words from another language is a change in communication caused by cultural contact.
2	A street is lined with homes built in the style of local Indigenous traditions.	LANDSCAPE	The visible design of the homes shows how culture shaped the built environment.
3	A canal system carries water to fields that people created for farming.	LANDSCAPE	The canals are human-made features that shape how the land is used.
4	A region's food changes when families bring recipes from another country.	INFLUENCE	The new recipes affect what people prepare and eat.
5	Students at a school adopt a dance first performed in another culture.	INFLUENCE	The dance is a cultural practice adopted from another group.
6	A community starts observing a religious celebration brought by settlers.	INFLUENCE	The celebration changes the community's cultural practices.
7	A city has a historic district of tightly packed row houses.	LANDSCAPE	The arrangement and style of buildings are visible features of a cultural landscape.
8	A town begins playing a musical instrument introduced through trade.	INFLUENCE	The instrument affects the town's music through contact with another culture.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **INFLUENCE:** A city begins celebrating Lunar New Year after residents share the tradition.
- **LANDSCAPE:** Farmers build stone walls that shape the edges of their fields.

Challenge: In a harbor city, sailors introduce new songs that local people begin singing, which is a cultural influence. The city's dock warehouses and narrow streets are a cultural landscape because people built them and they shape the visible place.

Answers: 1 INFLUENCE, 2 LANDSCAPE, 3 LANDSCAPE, 4 INFLUENCE, 5 INFLUENCE, 6 INFLUENCE, 7 LANDSCAPE, 8 INFLUENCE. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify changed cultural practices for influence or visible human-shaped features for landscape.