

Beliefs & Values**Cultural Interdependence Series****Grade Levels:**

7-12

Subject Areas:

Social Studies

Geography

Cultures

World Cultures

Synopsis:

Beliefs and values are often shaped by historical events, and are often handed down from generation to generation. Values including individual freedom, religious practices, and cooperation during historical and current events all shape the values of a culture.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Understand how beliefs and values shape a culture's behaviors
- Consider the different beliefs and values of different cultures
- Gain a greater understanding of how your own culture is affected by the beliefs and values presented by your government, family, and social organizations

Vocabulary:

Beliefs, values, democracy, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, judiciary, interdependence, communication, moral guidelines, technology

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What are some of the major beliefs and values upon which America was founded? How are those beliefs and values maintained today?

What beliefs and values are part of your community? How have you learned about them as you have grown up?

How do beliefs and values influence historical events and the response to conflict or natural disasters throughout the world?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How are beliefs and values transmitted between cultures? What culture formed the basis for much of the American system of democracy?

What do cultures value? Provide examples.

How does religion come into play when discussing the beliefs and values of a group of people? What elements beyond religion influence beliefs and values?

Further Activities:

Consider how communication and technology have changed how cultures interact with one another. Provide examples to illustrate the changes you see.