

American Culture

Definition Of Culture

- Culture is the collectively held set of attributes, which is dynamic and changing over time.
- Culture is a collection of the following attributes of a given group:
 - Shared values
 - Beliefs
 - Basic assumptions
 - Behavior

The Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

American Industry



Driving

What does the term “pull over” mean?

Stop your vehicle to the right side of the road

Americans' Involvement with the Arts

Symphony



Theatre



Mass Media



Ways of Life

Housing Developments in the Suburbs



Sport & Recreation

- Sports & Recreation
 - Helps connect & identify with mass culture
 - Sedentary lifestyle led to interest in sports & exercise
 - Baseball, football, basketball & ice-hockey
 - Role of television
 - Sports makes national icons
 - Advertising increases the need to have good bodies
 - Inclusion of women & minorities

Popular Americanisms

- ◆ **Just give me the bottom line** – Don't bother me with a lot of details, just give me the essential information
- ◆ **That's it, in a nutshell** – That's all there is to tell about something
- ◆ **Give me the whole kit and caboodle** – I want all the details about something
- ◆ **It's a walk in the park** – It's something that's easy to accomplish

Office Environment

- In the United States, the work environment is both professional and casual as well
- The office environment is informal, and there is no apparent hierarchy between managers and their subordinates
- Employees are treated as equals, and independent views are welcomed

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