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## Classroom Materials

**Title of Material:** Community Impact: Immigrants and Culture, Immigration and Culture in New Haven Webquest

**Topics Discussed:** Immigration, culture

**Skills Utilized:** Research, community awareness, diversity, reflection questions

**Format:** Individual or in small groups, discuss as a class

**In Person or Online:** Online

**Procedure/Instruction Suggestions:**

If students find a group to research that fits the criteria, let them research that group! If they cannot find a certain bit of information on their group, have them research something similar or get an answer about a different group.

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# Community Impact: Immigrants and Culture

## *Immigration and Culture in New Haven Webquest*

**Directions:** Read the excerpt and list below about immigrants in New Haven, Connecticut and the impact they have on the culture of the city. You will be picking one of the listed groups to research online. Then, answer the thought questions about your chosen group.

Immigration brings with it foreign traditions that enrich American culture. Foreign-born influence shapes many local cultural elements, including cuisine, music, art, dance, language, and literature. In addition to owning businesses, immigrants in Greater New Haven establish institutes, found organizations, and sponsor or participate in festivals that serve as cultural outlets for the entire community. Seventy-six percent of survey respondents said increased diversity due to immigration helps the existing culture in Connecticut.

The following are just some of the heritage-focused groups and events in Greater New Haven. Pick one to research (their websites and social media are great sources of information!):

1. Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale
2. Annual Italian Festival Celebration, New Haven
3. Annual Shoreline Jewish Festival
4. Arte, Inc
5. Connecticut Irish American Historical Society
6. East Rock Institute (formerly Korea Institute)
7. Ethnic Heritage Center
8. Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade
9. International Festival of Arts & Ideas
10. Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven
11. JUNTA for Progressive Action
12. Knights of Columbus
13. Yale-China Association
14. Yale Muslim Student Association
15. Yale University Hillel



## Thought Questions

1. Which group did you choose? Why?
2. What is their mission or mission statement? This can be found on their website or on event pages.
3. What kind of events do they host that can educate or enrich New Haven's cultural elements? Pick specific examples.
4. How does someone get involved with these groups? Do they utilize social media? This can be found on their website.
5. What do you think the benefits are of having groups like these in a diverse city like New Haven?
6. What purpose could these groups serve in communities that are not as diverse as New Haven?
7. Do you have any experience with a group that seeks to enrich cultural elements of your community? If so, what is it like to be a part of that group? If not, what is one in your community that interests you?

Image Links From: [Afro American Cultural Center](#), [St. Patrick Day Parade](#), [Arts & Ideas](#), [East Rock Institute](#), [Jewish Community Center](#)