



Unit I Defining Terms
Lesson 1 What Is Folklife?

Types of Folklife Worksheet

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The definitions below can help you understand the different kinds of Folklife.

1. Read the definitions in the box below. Then see if you can find examples of each from your **Everyday Learning Worksheet** or from class discussions to write on the lines below.

Folklife - traditions, which are not necessarily old, that are passed on informally (by word of mouth, observation, and imitation) over time and through space. Folklore is usually anonymous. Folklore can have:

- **motifs** - patterns that stay the same within a tradition.
- **variants** - a variation within a tradition, a different version that develops as it is passed on.

Folklore _____

Motif _____

Variant _____

2. Read the definitions in the box below. Then find examples of each from your **Everyday Learning Worksheet** or from class discussions to write on the lines below.

Cultural processes - culture and knowledge passed on through **folk**, **popular**, or **elite cultural** modes.

- **folk** culture -- culture and knowledge passed on over time informally, by word of mouth, imitation, and observation
- **popular** culture -- culture and knowledge passed on through mass media, magazines, television, radio, Internet.
- **elite** culture -- the culture and knowledge handed down, learned, and taught officially through formal institutions such as schools, colleges, museums, and conservatories as opposed to **folk** or **popular culture**.

folk culture _____

popular culture _____

elite culture _____

Extra!! Why are there no examples of **elite culture** on the **Everyday Learning Worksheet**?
