Culture Project

Your task is to create a "New" culture of your choosing and provide written explanation of this new culture.

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Part I:

First, use the "Questions to Ask About Culture" Booklet as your guide for your explanation (You should use most of the questions in your explanation.) Explanation of the new created culture can be completed using PowerPoint, email, Microsoft Word on any other platform to demonstrate your understanding of culture and its influence on society. This section is worth 25 marks. Use the separate rubric for grading purposes.

Category	5 – Above Level	3/4 – At Level	1/2 – Below Level	0 – At Risk
Introduction/Thesis	The thesis statement	The thesis statement	The thesis statement is	There is no thesis
Statement	names the Culture, has a	names the Culture, and	confusing or not apparent	statement, hook, or
	hook, and summary, and	the student has a hook	to the reader. Student	summary of the text.
	outlines the main points to	and summary of the text.	does not have a	
	be discussed in the order		hook/summary of the	
	they are discussed.		text.	
Content	Ideas are insightful.	Ideas are clear and	Ideas are vague or	Evidence of plagiarism.
	Student has thoroughly	developed. Student should	generalized. Student	Student has copied and
	explained all ideas to the	continue to aim for a	should work on explaining	pasted information.
	reader.	thorough explanation.	ideas more thoroughly.	
Mechanics-	Demonstrates skillful	Demonstrates capable	Demonstrates limited	Evidence of plagiarism.
Grammar, Spelling,	control of the conventions	control of conventions.	control of conventions.	
Punctuation, and	of language. Errors may	Errors may detract from	Errors are distracting and	
Capitalization	exist, but they do not	the overall impact of the	interfere with the	
	affect the overall impact.	work, but they do not	reader's understanding of	
		affect meaning.	ideas.	
Integration of	Examples chosen	The examples chosen	Examples chosen are not	No examples are used.
Examples	effectively support	support student's ideas.	directly linked to the	
	student's ideas		ideas or more examples	
			are needed.	
Conclusion	Conclusion insightfully	Conclusion adequately	Conclusion does not	Conclusion is irrelevant.
	sums up what you have	sums up what you have	adequately demonstrate	
	learned from creating your	learned from creating your	what you have learned	
	own culture and can relate	own culture and	and only has a limited	
	it to the previous	somewhat relates it back	connection to previous	
	assignments from the unit	to previous assignments.	assignments	

Part II:

Second, use the "Culture Project Ideas Booklet" and "Culture Project Work booklet" as a guide in creating your new culture. Each booklet provides examples/ideas of what is often found within a culture and questions to assist you while you create your new culture. For example, clothing, anthems, living quarters, family structure, etc. You do not need to fill out the sheets or do the activity exactly as shown. You need to select five (5) of these examples and create your own unique culture by providing specific detailed explanation to your selected cultural characteristics. Follow the two booklets and select the areas that you feel are the most interesting to you. Have fun with this assignment as you are creating your very own unique culture!

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Be creative: Students in the past have done audio recordings of anthems, podcasts, videos of cooking, dioramas, games, etc.

Each "project idea" will be marked out of 25 using the criteria in the rubric listed below: Then weighted to 5 marks each.

Criteria	Poor 1	Developing 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Outstanding 5
Focus (shows that the topic is understood and clearly stated; remains focused)					
Supporting Evidence (Provides examples, statistics, proof, etc.)					
Content (uses appropriate facts, concepts and ideas)					
Organization (has introduction, logical order, conclusion)					
Style and Mechanics (expressed in formal language with correct spelling, sentence structure and punctuation)					