




# Cultural Foods!

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Foods. People don't think much of them but surprisingly they are big parts of some cultures, north, south, east, west, every place will have a different dish. Most cultures celebrate special events with food. You may not have noticed it but every holiday is celebrated with food. You most likely haven't thought about it but holidays like your birthday are celebrated with some sort of special food your birth day has birthday cake as I was saying you have probably never thought about this but do you ever eat birthday cake for any other event.



Japanese Style Fried Chicken



Firstly, different cultures have foods unique to their own culture. Jared Chin, a student of PS290 on the Upper East Side, is Chinese and tells me about Chinese food. He tells me that the Chinese have traditions that include food like eating noodles on your birthday. Also in an interview with another Chinese student, William Lew, he said, “There is a special pastry you eat for a moon festival.”



Creating







Eating





Secondly, according to [www.asian-nation.org](http://www.asian-nation.org) a well-known aspect of Asian culture is food. Also it states that Asian culture celebrates over a big meal. They also state that the food in Asia will be different depending on where you go in Asia.




Lastly, I would like to say I have grown up in New York City and I grew up a picky eater, but living in New York City and going to Camp Lanakila let me change that. They let me try new foods I had never known about. They helped me learn about different cultures foods and I got to also try many different cultures foods. I have seen that in different areas of the city there are different types of food like the statement Asian Nation had made, the food in Asia will be different depending on where you go in Asia. That is what it's like in the city.



Steak from Hillstone-American style food



A large burrito wrapped in aluminum foil, resting on a wooden surface. The burrito is made with a soft, white flour tortilla and is filled with various ingredients, including green lettuce, red tomatoes, and a piece of yellow cheese. The aluminum foil is crinkled and reflects light, creating a shimmering effect. The wooden surface is dark and textured.

In conclusion, I have eaten, tasted and spit out a lot of different cultures foods. Cultures each have different traditional dishes, uniqueness to their foods and style of cooking. All and all-different cultures have different foods. Have you ever thought of what food is unique to your own culture?