

IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHIC IDEAS

These important ideas may be used at any level, but development of the students' understanding of these is expected at the form levels specified.

6. CULTURE AND PERCEPTION

People respond to the world as they view it through the filter of their own culture. Their interaction with the environment can be better understood within this context.

6.1	People living in groups develop a common way of life (CULTURE) which influences the way they view and interpret their environment (PERCEPTION).	11, 12, 13
6.2	Each society perceives and interprets its own and other environments through the perspective of its own culture.	11, 12, 13
6.3	Peoples' appraisal and use of resources depends on such things as their environment, social systems, values and technology, economic and political ideology.	11, 12, 13
6.4	As societies change through innovation and contact with other cultures, their appraisal and use of their environments change.	11, 12, 13
6.5	Cultural landscapes bear the imprints of different peoples' appraisals and use of earth's surface.	12, 13
6.6	Cultural landscapes change through time.	12, 13

**Reference: Syllabus for Schools Geography Forms 5 – 7 (1990)
Learning Media, Ministry of Education, Wellington pp. 22 – 25.**