

# DISNEY Y.E.S. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



## “MILLENNIUM CULTURES”

### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Grade Levels:**  
4th-12th

**Program Length:**  
3 hours

**Meeting Location:**

(Morning) Outside *Epcot*® Main Entrance, near the Guest Relations Window.

This program is aligned with National Standards.

### OBJECTIVE

Discover, explore, and learn to recognize how the various aspects of culture are impacted by changes in technology, commerce, communication, and people.

### KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

#### The Role of Communication

Aboard *Spaceship Earth*, students observe the evolution and progression of communication, yesterday through tomorrow.

- Students discover how technological advancement is rapidly changing global communication.
- Students understand the impact that communication, or its absence, has on modern lifestyles.

#### Global Culture

Looking out over *World Showcase* Lagoon, students make their first acquaintance with the beauty, splendor, and richness of the cultures of *World Showcase* nations.

- Students discover the meaning of culture and its many aspects through a variety of hands-on activities.
- Students explore reasons why culture is defined in different ways.

#### Life in China

Entering China through the Gate of the Golden Sun, students discover not only beautiful gardens with exotic lotus blossoms and mulberry trees, they uncover the transformation of China through changes in lifestyle, technology, and trade.

### Cultural Barriers and Gateways

Students discover the unique and distinctive cultures of people around the world.

- Students explore and discuss the effects of transportation, trade, and communication on culture and how technology has helped overcome barriers and build gateways in the global community.

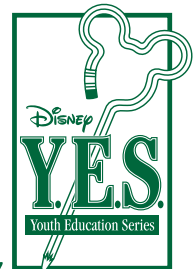
### Cultural Diversity

Students share newfound perceptions and learnings from the day's adventure.

- Students articulate the relevance of points of contact in assimilation, accommodation, and displacement of culture.
- Students recognize and identify the various elements of culture.
- Students appreciate that while people are all different, all share similar needs, interests, and issues.

### THE DISNEY DIFFERENCE

- The program takes place prior to the opening of *Epcot*® *World Showcase*.
- Students meet with a *World Showcase* Cultural Representative.
- The authenticity and attention to detail of the *World Showcase* pavilions gives students the feeling of being immersed in a culture-rich environment.
- Trained and knowledgeable *Disney Institute* Cast Members facilitate this high quality and educationally sound program, while never forgetting that fun is a vital part of learning.



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