

Discussion:

- 1- How do you think the way teenagers have fun has changed in the last twenty years?
- 2- Why do you think that communication between teenagers and their parents is often so difficult? Do you have a good relationship with your parents? Why do you think is that?
- 3- Do you think the clothes people wear give us information about their character?
- 4- Some people are derisive of mainstream culture, seeing it as monotonous and uninspiring. What's your view?
- 5- Have you ever heard of urban tribes or subcultures? What do you know about them?



Urban tribes or subcultures are made up by relatively small groups of young city people, with a distinct common identity: the same aesthetic codes, the same identity symbols, the same rules, the same language, the same music, the same ideology that are, in general, different from the interests of mainstream culture. Urban tribes are not new. In fact, they date back hundreds years.

6. Tick the urban tribes you know and write all the words you connect with them.

Emos	Floggers	Skaters	Hip-Hoppers	Hippies	Punks	Rockers	Gothics	Pokémons	Nerds	Hackers	Preppies	Rappers	Skin Heads	Indie



Useful vocabulary

Baggy trousers // black boots // mini-skirt // glasses // cap // sweatshirt // trainers// belt// necklaces // hoods // sandals/ /bikini top // jacket// jeans// wristband.

7. Are there any urban tribes in your city/country? What are they?
8. Match the following urban tribes with their features:

Goths – Hippies – Punks – Emos

	Dreadlocks	Long beaded necklaces	Tie-dye t-shirts	Bare feet
	Long side-swept fringe	Slim-fit jeans, tight T-shirts	Studded belt	Thick black glasses

	Black dyed hair	Black eyes and lips make up	Boots	Dark clothes
				
	Mohawk	Piercing	DIY clothes	Bright hair colour
				

9. Match each subculture with its features and then its picture:

1- A Skin Head	a. Wizards of the computer world.
2- A Hacker	b. "Young professional" look.
3- A Preppy	c. Shaven heads and army boots.
4- An Indie	d. Big hair, fake glasses and old-looking clothes.



10. Imagine that you have to be part of an urban tribe, which one would you choose? Why?

11. Name all the urban tribes you know you can find in Morocco.

PROJECT

Try to find an urban tribe and make a video that displays a day in the life of that group.

Extended discussion:

- 1- Why do you think people are drawn to subcultures?
- 2- What is the role of music or media in subcultures?
- 3- Can subcultures be dangerous, either physically or psychologically?
- 4- Do you feel that modern society alienates people? Do you think that people who belong to urban tribes are alienated?



WATCH THE VIDEO OF "ANDREW DE LEON" IN AMERICA'S GOT TALENT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_3jsyDW76E



1. Why are songs of Marilyn Manson an escape for Andrew De Leon?
2. How does Andrew describe his participation in America's Got Talent?
3. How does Howard describe Andrew's look?
4. Which urban tribe does Andrew belong to?
5. How does the audience react to Andrew's performance? How does this make him feel?
6. What're the things that astonished the judges about Andrew De Leon?
7. Don't you think that Andrew is a victim of society's prejudice and alienation?
8. Do you know anybody who's an outcast just because of his/her subculture or look? Tell us about that person.