ethnic adjective   
\[\text{eth·nic}\ 
\text{ˈeth-nik}\]

: of or relating to races or large groups of people who have the same customs, religion, origin, etc.

: associated with or belonging to a particular race or group of people who have a culture that is different from the main culture of a country

Full Definition of ETHNIC

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2 a: of or relating to large groups of people classified according to common racial, national, tribal, religious, linguistic, or cultural origin or background <ethnic minorities> <ethnic enclaves>

b: being a member of a specified ethnic group <an ethnic German>

c: of, relating to, or characteristic of ethnics <ethnic neighborhoods> <ethnic foods>

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Examples of ETHNIC

The U.S. has a wide variety of ethnic groups made up of immigrants or their descendants.

<children who were raised in a home where there was a strong ethnic consciousness>

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Origin of ETHNIC
Middle English, from Late Latin ethnicus, from Greek ἑθνικός national, gentile, from ἑθνός nation, people; akin to Greek έθος custom — more at SIB
First Known Use: 15th century

Related to ETHNIC
Synonyms: racial, ethnical, tribal
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Other Anthropology Terms
ectomorph, ethnography, prehistory, yurt

ethnic
noun
: a person who belongs to a particular ethnic group

Full Definition of ETHNIC
: a member of an ethnic group; especially: a member of a minority group who retains the customs, language, or social views of the group

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First Known Use of ETHNIC
1941

Other Sociology Terms
bourgeois, ethos, eugenics, exurb, incommunicado, intelligentsia, megalopolis, metrosexual, mores, subculture

ETHNIC Defined for Kids

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Definition of ETHNIC for Kids
: of or relating to groups of people with common characteristics and customs <ethnic food>

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