

Cultural Survival Lab

Our discussion has picked foraging as the initial culture of living. Amongst the survivors we have a doctor, an engineer, a botanist, a politician, an army-officer, a teacher and few other people. After the crash, everyone came out and took shelter few metres away from the crash site for the time being. After a couple of hours, we decided to check on the plane and go through the available resources where we found enough food (estimated for a month), basic tool kit, life-jackets, first-aid kit, flares, matches, flash light, axe, candles, two blankets and a can of gas.

Since we have a lot of qualified survivors, most people together decided to explore the area to look for shelter near the food and water sources. As the army officer was quite experienced, he came forward to volunteer to guide the survivors and explore. We found a river and noticed a cabin across the river. The teacher suggested to check the cabin on the other side and everyone agreed to it. We found a wrecked boat which seemed enough functional to cross the river. When we reached the cabin we found ancient useable tools such as wood shuttle, antler arrow point, bone knife, water filter and other sharp tools. In addition to the cabin, we also found out a deadfall trap for safety from wild animals. As all of these seemed pretty good enough to help us survive, everyone planned to stay there. The botanist explored and discovered this was a boreal forest because there were trees like jack pine, spruce, larch and some other needle leaf trees. He

also discovered vegetations like berries, weeds, flowers and mushrooms which will help the survivors with medication and food.

After a month when we ran out of food, it was high time for us to go hunting and fishing with the tools we found. We went hunting and fishing everyday for living and lived our life like this for few years and found no scope to get out from the trapped jungle.

When the population grew, the society choosed to use horticulture as the mode of living culture. Horticulture is the practice of gardening, cultivating and managing in a society. In the society, the politician was elected as the leader. The leader divided the social responsibilities amongst the people where women will be looking after family and participate in agriculture. The men will also be helping in agriculture but mostly they will be hunting and fishing. The families share their items which they cultivate or hunt amongst each other. This leads to a good relation between everyone and creates a strong bonding. The leader gave equal rights and equal land to everyone to keep peace in the society but however has their own responsibilities.

As everyone belongs to modern society, we will follow bilateral descent which traces kinship from both parents equally to the child. The marital residence for the newly married couples will be either in the groom's or bride's residence since the society is a multicultural society. The marriage is legal when their parents decide to. The marriage ceremony depends on how the families want it to be. The number of children a family wants depends on how they interact with each other.

In order to educate the future generation, the teacher will be passing her knowledge and the army-officer will train them with survival skills and how to defend obstacles. The seniors will teach manners and instruct on social characteristics. Dried sticks were used to write on the soil and flowers, seeds and stones were used to teach numbers and letters. There will be associations and clubs to guide the children and also seniors to participate in cultural and social programs.

Violence in any case and situation will not be accepted. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated and there will be steps taken against it. Threatening or killing someone is totally illegal in the society. If anyone tends to break any law will be punished by the law enforcers or might have to leave the society. From our discussion, we have assigned the army officer as the governor of the society. In the future, the skilled and the most knowledgeable one will be elected as the governor through voting.

As we all are from different cultures, we will not be considering any particular religion. Everyone will maintain their own religion and principles. Also, every member in the society will respect each others ethics and beliefs. In order to stay positive and have faith to hold onto while we survive, we will celebrate an occasion to worship the moon once in every month as the moon is the source of light during the night and helps us to go hunting.

We have agreed to find medicinal herbs with the help from botanist and doctor. Moreover, we will boil water to recover someone from illness. Also, if there is a serious matter with health or

pregnancy, the doctor amongst the survivors will take care of the patient. All the members in our society will follow good hygiene in order to maintain good health.

Thus based on our discussion, we have decided to organise all the events going on in the society together such as marriage, birthday and mourn day (the day when the plane crashed). Everyone will be equally responsible in the development of the society. There will be regular meetings during the night to discuss problems and suggest ideas to help resolve the problems of the society. Hence, the society will have peace.