I am going to write an illustrated article for the magazine «Cultural heritage» about culture as one’s identity and personality.

Cultural identity is the feeling of belonging to a group. Through this belonging, individuals are influenced by the way of life, beliefs and practices that result in self-reflection and awareness. This can be evidenced in a famous quote by M.F. Moozanjer «My culture is my identity and personality. It gives me spiritual, intellectual and emotional distinction from others, and I am proud of it».

For my article I’ve found 3 photos. (Photos № 2,3,6)

The first photo shows a woman who is painting a Matryoshka doll. She is wearing a national costume and she seems to like what she's doing. Matryoshka is a special form of folk art.

The second photo depicts a woman and three children in folk costumes with pancakes. They look happy. Surely they are celebrating Maslenitsa, a religious and folk holiday.

The third photo shows a festival. Maybe it is National Unity Day. It symbolizes the solidarity and unity of the Russian people. Outdoor festivals, concerts and fairs are held on this day.

In these photos we can see different holidays and festivals. They reflect multicolored Russian history.

Some people believe that celebrations with special traditions are the greatest, while others claim that modern festivities are the most excellent.

To my mind, the best holidays are the traditional ones. Firstly, traditions bring people together. Secondly, they help us to remember what really matters and reinforce the values and beliefs put into them. People should never forget the reason behind the festivals.

All in all, culture is a very important aspect of any human life due to the fact that we are social beings and are raised within societies with a certain way of life.