

"Two Worlds Touch" is a video clip which shows a gentle and primitive group of people called the Lacandones. They are descendants of the Mayans and they live on the edge of a tropical rainforest in southern Mexico, bordering on Guatemala.

Industry is slowly moving in on the Lacandon people, as loggers are building roads into their villages in order to cut down the valuable trees. The children will soon have to decide whether to adhere to the ways of their ancestors or join the modern society where life will be "easier."

Among many other valuable traditions, these ancient peoples know how to make medicines from the plants in the rainforest. Is it right for society to move in and change their culture? On the other hand is it right to keep them isolated and possibly deprive them of the good things that society has to offer?

~ What benefits are there to the Lacandones' keeping their old ways?

The Lacandones are preserving their traditional culture that can be passed on.

~ What disadvantages?

The Lacandones are not up to speed with technology.

~ How can a primitive society help us?

A primitive society can teach us new ways of life using organic materials.

~ What can we do for them?

We can help preserve their culture.

~ Is change happening too fast?

Yes

~ Can you think of a subculture which is mixing with our more technologically advanced society in St. Lawrence County?

Awakwa Sani Indians in Massena.

~ What are the advantages/disadvantages of blending with this culture?

Advantages are both cultures are helping each other in learning and experiencing new things.

Disadvantage is both original cultures will be forgotten because the two cultures will be blended.