**ENDURING ISSUES DEFINITIONS**

**DIRECTIONS: Below is a list of definitions of enduring issues that may correspond to documents during your project. Use this sheet to identify which enduring issue(s) best fit with each document. \**DOCUMENTS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE ENDURING ISSUE.\****

**CULTURAL DIFFUSION** –the spread of cultural beliefs and social activities from one group to another. The mixing of world cultures through different ethnicities (civilizations/societies), religions and nationalities has increased with advanced communication, transportation and technology.

**HUMAN RIGHTS** – individuals, groups, and governments have attempted to end many of these human rights violations, although they have not always been successful **OR** individuals, groups, and governments have imposed restrictions, laws, or used social hierarchies to limit human rights of specific people.

**IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENT ON HUMANS** — the environment is the area in which people live. People are affected by their environment (ex: physical barriers, access or lack of access to seas, natural resources, fertile soil, etc. have impacted how societies function). In addition, people have an effect on the environment as well (people and societies reshape their environment to adapt to their needs).

**POWER** – the ability to influence or control the behavior or people. It is part of every human interaction. Power can take the form of social hierarchies (unequal power), governments (relationship to ruler and those who are ruled), etc.

**SCARCITY** – the state of not having enough of something (ex: food, resources, land, etc.)

**TECHNOLOGY** – technology has been modified or replaced by new technological innovations/inventions. These new technological innovations have had various effects on societies and the world.