
Exercise 2.1.1

Breaking down the Customs of the Tagalogs

Instructions: Identify the practices mentioned by Plasencia on the following aspects:

1. Community

- a. Consist of 4 classes The Datu(Chieftain), Nobles(Maharlika), Commoners (Aliping Namamahay), Slaves (Aliping Saguiguilir).
- b. Datu the captain of wars, whom governed, obeyed and revered. Nobles or what they call the free-born, they do not pay taxes.

2. Property

- a. Houses made of wood, bamboo, and nipa palm. Ornaments, a decorative object or detail that adds quality or distinction to a person, place or thing.
- b. Barangay ruled by a chieftain, and consist of 30 to 100 families together with their relatives and slaves.

3. Marriage

- a. Men were in general, monogamous; while their wives are called Asawa.
- b. Marriage between couples belonging to different social classes were not common.

4. Religion

- a. They worship many gods and goddesses: bathala, supreme beings; Idayanale, god of agriculture; Sidarapa, god of death; Agni, god of fire; Balangaw, god of rainbow; Mandarangan, god of war; Lalahon, god of harvest; and Siginarungan, god of hell.
- b. Also believe in sacred animals and trees

5. Superstitions

- a. Believe in Aswang, Dwende, Kapre, Tikbalang, Patyanak/Tiyanak.
- b. Believe in magical power of amulet and charms such anting-anting kulam and gayuma or love potion.

6. Burial or Death

- a. Buried beside the house, A little house if porch for a Dato.
- b. 4 days of mourning, Guarded and living slave, and singing, dirges, praises.