

## 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.