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1. IDENTIFY AT LEAST FIVE DISTINCT OR UNIQUE PRACTICES, CUSTOMS, AND TRADITIONS IN YOUR PROVINCE OR COMMUNITY.
 - a. I am from Nueva Ecija, in my province we plant many kinds of crops. Agriculture is our main industry, because of our rich soil we can grow many kinds of crops like rice, corn, sugarcane, and many more fruits and vegetables.
 - b. Some old people in our community believes in “*Enkanto*” and “*Nuno sa punso*” which is some kind of spirits that dwells in small rocks or twigs.
 - c. In our province it is also practiced giving dowry and the groom should propose on bride’s parents.
 - d. In some parts of our province there are unorthodox healers that uses alchemy.
 - e. Many people in our province believes in superstitious beliefs.

2. IN 300 TO 500 WORDS, COMPARE THOSE PRACTICES TO THE OBSERVATIONS DISCUSSED BY PLASENCIA IN HIS ARTICLE.

There are so many practices, customs, and traditions that are very similar to my province and community when compared to the article "*Relacion de las Costumbres de Los Tagalos*" by the Spanish Friar Juan de Plasencia. But the main difference is that our province is really based on agricultural, but I think Pre-Colonial Filipinos also do agricultural work because they need food like rice or corn. In our province we always sa tabi – tabi po to do not make the *Enkantos* and *Nuno* angry it is a superstitious belief like the ones that are in Pre-Colonial Filipinos believed supernatural beings. Also when marriages are going the tradition of going of groom to the house of the bride’s parents to show some respect and giving some gratitude to the parents, sometimes there also grooms that gives dowry for extra proof of giving a nice life to their daughter. In my municipality, Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija there are so many unorthodox healers, they use some potions and herbs to make their patients recover from their illness, sometimes they are commencing rituals too. Also farmers in our province really believes in superstitious beliefs like when there are stars at night there will be a prosperous harvest in their farmlands and also many are selling *anting-anting* at our place and also many are buying it because our people believed that they will be protected by it in future dangers. The practices, customs, and traditions of Pre-Colonial Philippines is not gone in our modern world, it is preserved by our ancestors and are being done in our modern society. My province has preserved those practices and I am glad about it. It is a good thing that the old Pre-Colonial Filipino beliefs are not gone by test of time, because it is a part of our Filipino identity that we show to the world and we should be proud of it.