



Activity 4: Venn Diagram

The students will make a Venn diagram and compare and contrast Rizal and Morga's view on Filipino Culture. Give at least 10.

Morga

Morga said that a house with the parents and children in room together is called "bahandin".

According to Morga, Inasawa is a wife married to a native man.

The groom contributes a dowry, that he had received from his parents, while the bride does not bring anything until she inherits some from her parents.

Morga said that in every island or provinces, many principals were known among the people, some being more important and having followers, which families and barrios obeyed and respected. These known individuals or families form friendship and relationships with each other and sometimes, due to differences, even wars.

Morga said that cotton was grown extensively in practically all the islands which the natives sold as thread and woven fabrics to Chinese and other foreign merchants. They also spun thread from banana leaves.

Rizal

In Tagalog, a house is called "pamamahay". Rizal said that it is impossible that bahandin has been printed for bahayin, because it is an obsolete derivative.

Asawa is the term called for the wife of a native man.

A Filipino women helps his husband and is not seen as a burden when they get married. To a man, marrying means getting introduced to a lifestyle that a bachelor is not accustomed with, especially in terms of economy, or financially.

Rizal pointed out that 'friendly relations' were more common than those of wars.

According to rizal, Morga must have meant abacamay, which was woven from abaca thread that comes from the trunk, not the leaves.

Similar Views

Natives drink heavily, Morga said they are not up during wedding feasts.

Rizal in his annotation quoted Fr. Colin who said it is common knowledge that they drink a lot but no matter how inebriated they seem to be after a gathering or a feast, they can always find their way home.



Morga

Rizal

Morga wrote about food and, like current-day foreign visitors, he said that we natives love to eat fish "that is smelly and about to rot".

Morga described the boats that were extinct but were never replaced by modern watercraft, unlike in neighboring countries.

Morga said the natives revere and venerate the crocodile because they are afraid of its power. Even Christians curse "may the crocodile kill him!" to those who make false promises, perjure, and breach contracts. May they suffer the wrath of the buhaya!

Morga was fascinated with the social organization of the natives; he described origins, differences, privileges, social classes, upward and downward mobility, inheritance of possessions and titles.

Morga was critical of the system of government, which he said, barely existed because there were no powerful communities, most of them are coastal, each with its own set of leaders.

That is bagoong, Rizal explained, which is fermented and is a delicacy; Europeans also have smelly food, like kinds of cheese.

Similar Views

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Rizal argued that it was better that way; why should the communities be beholden to one ruler who didn't even live among them and was not familiar with their needs and problems? How could he have solved disputes, meet justice, implement policies, if the leader himself didn't live in the community. Perhaps Rizal was in favour of federalism.

Rizal said that even with rudimentary tools, Filipinos made vessels that weighed 2,000 tons.