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**Reality TV Shows – Popular
programs like Love Island
or Big Brother**

**Opera Performances –
Classical operatic works
by composers like Mozart
or Verdi**

**Classical Music Concerts –
Orchestral performances of
Beethoven, Bach, and
Chopin**

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Michelangelo's David – A famous marble sculpture from the Renaissance

Fast Fashion Brands – Trendy clothing from brands like Shein and Primark

Video Games – Titles like Fortnite or Minecraft played by millions globally

**Philosophy Texts – Works
by thinkers like Plato or
Kant, studied in academia**

**Celebrity Gossip Magazines
– Magazines like OK! or
People**

**Literary Classics – Novels
such as Pride and
Prejudice or War and
Peace**

**Streaming Series – Popular
shows on platforms like
Netflix (Stranger Things)**

Art Exhibitions – Prestigious showcases in galleries like the Tate Modern or MOMA

Streetwear – Brands like Hoodrich and collaborations with influencers

Shakespeare Movies – Modern film adaptations like 10 Things I Hate About You (based on The Taming of the Shrew)

Musical Theatre – Productions like Hamilton that combine hip-hop with historical storytelling

Street Art – Works by artists like Banksy displayed in galleries and public spaces

Fashion Weeks – High-end brands like Gucci using pop culture icons in runway shows

Netflix Documentaries – Series like The Social Dilemma or Making a Murderer

Graphic Novels – Titles like Maus by Art Spiegelman, a Pulitzer-winning Holocaust narrative

Blockbuster Historical Films
– Movies like *The King's Speech* or *Amadeus*

Pop Artist Collaborations –
Beyoncé's performance at *Coachella* incorporating African heritage and academic themes

Video Game Soundtracks
– Orchestral scores like those from *The Legend of Zelda*

Interactive Art Installations
– Immersive exhibits like *Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience*

Cultural Card Sort Activity

Instructions for the Activity:

1. Cut Out the Examples: Print out the table and cut each example into cards.
 2. Sort the Cards: Ask students to group the examples into categories:
 - Mostly High Culture
 - Mostly Popular Culture
 - Overlapping/Blended Culture
 3. Discussion Points:
 - What criteria make something high or popular culture?
 - How do these artifacts reflect changes in society's values?
 - Why might the blending of high and popular culture matter?
 4. Extension Task: Ask students to research their own example of overlapping culture and present their findings.
- This activity encourages critical thinking about the fluidity of cultural boundaries and how these concepts adapt to societal changes.



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<p>Swan Lake Ballet – A classic ballet performance by Tchaikovsky.</p>	<p>TikTok Trends – Viral dances and challenges shared on the social media platform.</p>	<p>Musical Theatre – Productions like Hamilton that combine hip-hop with historical storytelling.</p>	<p>Combines the high culture tradition of theatre with the popular culture appeal of modern music genres.</p>
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<p>Opera Performances – Classical operatic works by composers like Mozart or Verdi.</p>	<p>Pop Music Hits – Songs by artists like Taylor Swift or Drake that top the charts.</p>	<p>Fashion Weeks – High-end brands like Gucci using pop culture icons in runway shows.</p>	<p>High fashion appeals to elite audiences but borrows heavily from popular culture imagery.</p>
<p>Classical Music Concerts – Orchestral performances of Beethoven, Bach, and Chopin.</p>	<p>Fast Fashion Brands – Trendy clothing from brands like Shein and Primark.</p>	<p>Netflix Documentaries – Series like The Social Dilemma or Making a Murderer.</p>	<p>Uses a popular streaming platform to present content with academic or social commentary value.</p>

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Philosophy Texts – Works by thinkers like Plato or Kant, studied in academia.	Celebrity Gossip Magazines – Magazines like OK! or People.	Blockbuster Historical Films – Movies like The King's Speech or Amadeus.	Popular films about historical figures/events that also win prestigious awards.
Literary Classics – Novels such as Pride and Prejudice or War and Peace.	Streaming Series – Popular shows on platforms like Netflix (Stranger Things).	Pop Artist Collaborations – Beyoncé's performance at Coachella incorporating African heritage and academic themes.	A pop culture event widely consumed but rich with deeper cultural and historical references.
Art Exhibitions – Prestigious showcases in galleries like the Tate Modern or MOMA.	Streetwear – Brands like Hoodrich and collaborations with influencers.	Video Game Soundtracks – Orchestral scores like those from The Legend of Zelda.	Created for popular culture entertainment but often performed in classical music venues.
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