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*Debate C1- 'Heritage – blessing or a curse, harmony or a struggle'*

Heritage is not an usual topic of our typical daily conversations and yet it is one of the main things that contribute to our cultural identity. Regardless of nationality, there is a common attitude towards heritage.

For many, it is an excellent educational resource that helps to bring communities together and to understand their uniqueness. Heritage speaks about the past, lets us deepen our knowledge about our ancestors, in result it gives us traditions to cultivate and to transmit them to younger generations.

Apart from that, maintaining and enhancing our heritage provides the basis for local economic development and innovation in tourism, agriculture, entertainment and business. Monuments and other forms of cultural heritage make our area attractive to others which contributes to tourism growth. It is a source of income for people and communities, they can gain money from visitors that stay in local hotels, pay for entry tickets and eat out.

Assuming people preserve and promote their heritage, it can attract interest from sponsors or other institutions, making it possible for the local communities to benefit from it for a long time. Due to social development, it may be problematic for modern society and heritage coexisting, especially in small towns and villages, but as long as people take care about their heritage and make a responsible use out of it, it is possible to maintain harmony.

While taking care of our heritage, it is important to not forget about the present. In many cases, overexploitation causes environmental issues such as pollution. Development of tourism exposes natural heritage to harmful situations, tourists cause noise, create litter and affect local inhabitants' lifestyle, disturbing their way of living.

It is important to respect others' heritage like your own even if there are some aspects of it that you are not proud of. Being ignorant towards heritage causes damage to the tangible as well as intangible elements of it. For instance, people who do not value heritage, base their knowledge on harmful stereotypes and social conflicts.

Moreover, they cause damage to important monuments. Such people are not being helpful to social communities that are trying to maintain the monuments in good condition, it costs a lot of money. The constant necessity of renovating historic objects affects the balance of expenses and benefits connected to heritage.

Regardless of your opinion on heritage, spread your knowledge of it so younger generations have the chance to enjoy it and develop their cultural identity.

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