

What is the difference between human culture and human civilization?

What activities and traits define human culture?

- **Making tools (2 million years)**
- **Building Shelters (1 million years)**
- **Fire (1/2 million years)**
- **Telling Stories (2 million years)**

These activities are what defines human culture. So we can say that human culture is at least 1 million years old. That's a pretty long time.

What defines a human civilization?

- **Agriculture--the ability to stay in one place and grow large crops and domesticate animals (10,000 years)**
- **Writing--the ability to record ideas and stories in symbols**
- **Large populations living together**
- **Forms of government and economy**

So human civilization has been around for about 10,000 years. Human civilizations have a much shorter life span than human culture.