



# *WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENS IN CLASSROOMS?*

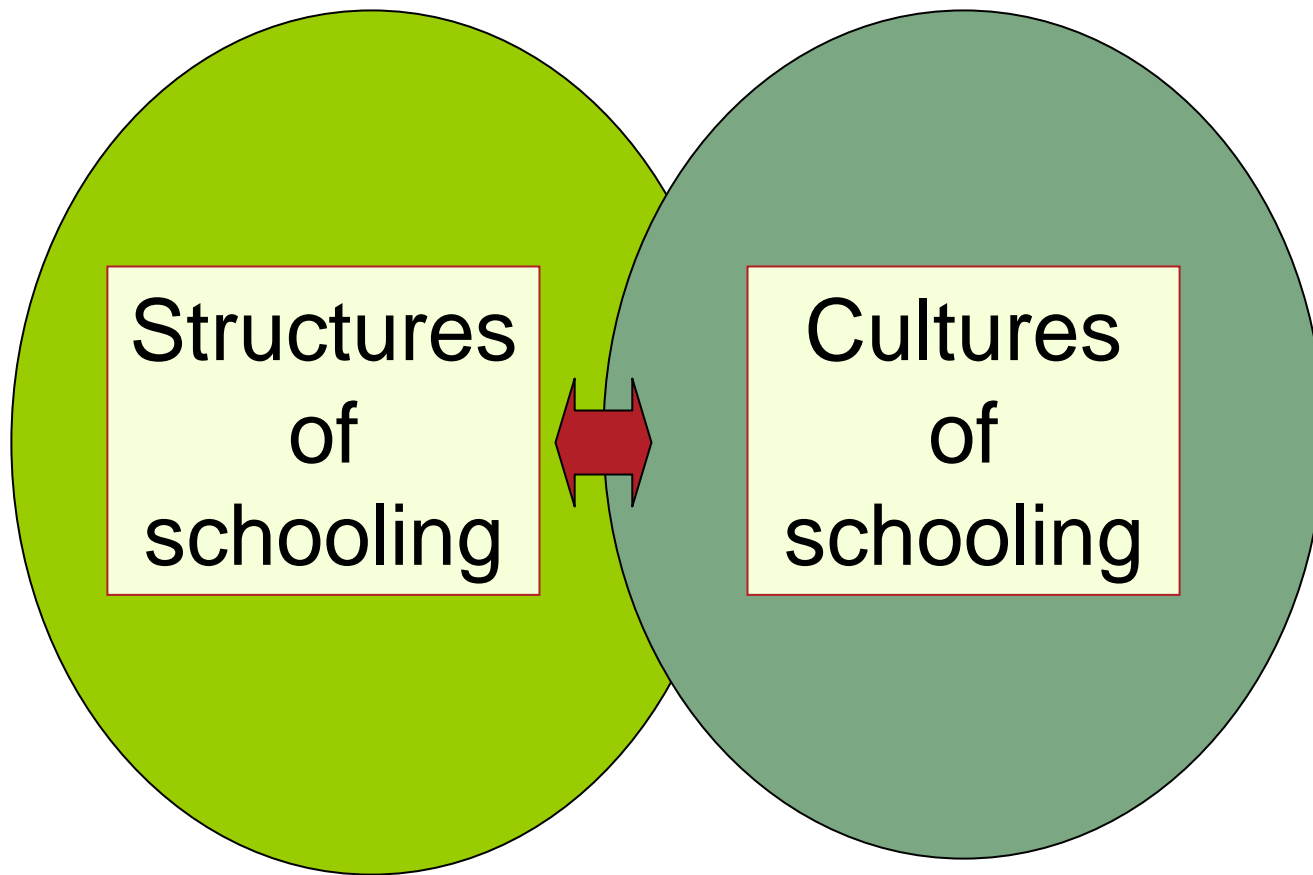
Historical and cultural variation in  
classrooms

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# *Historical “structures of schooling”*

- **The materialities of schooling**
  - **slate, pencil, PCs...**
- **The management of schools**
  - **budgets, policies, paperwork...**
- **Teachers’ work**
  - **know-how, lunch duty, health risks...**
- **The “grammars of schooling”**
  - **tracking, time tables, report cards**

# *Structures and cultures*



# *Historical cultures of schooling*

- teacher cultures
- student cultures
- representations and sources of knowledge
- classroom practices as cultural practices
- social meanings of schooling

# *Cultures interact within schooling*

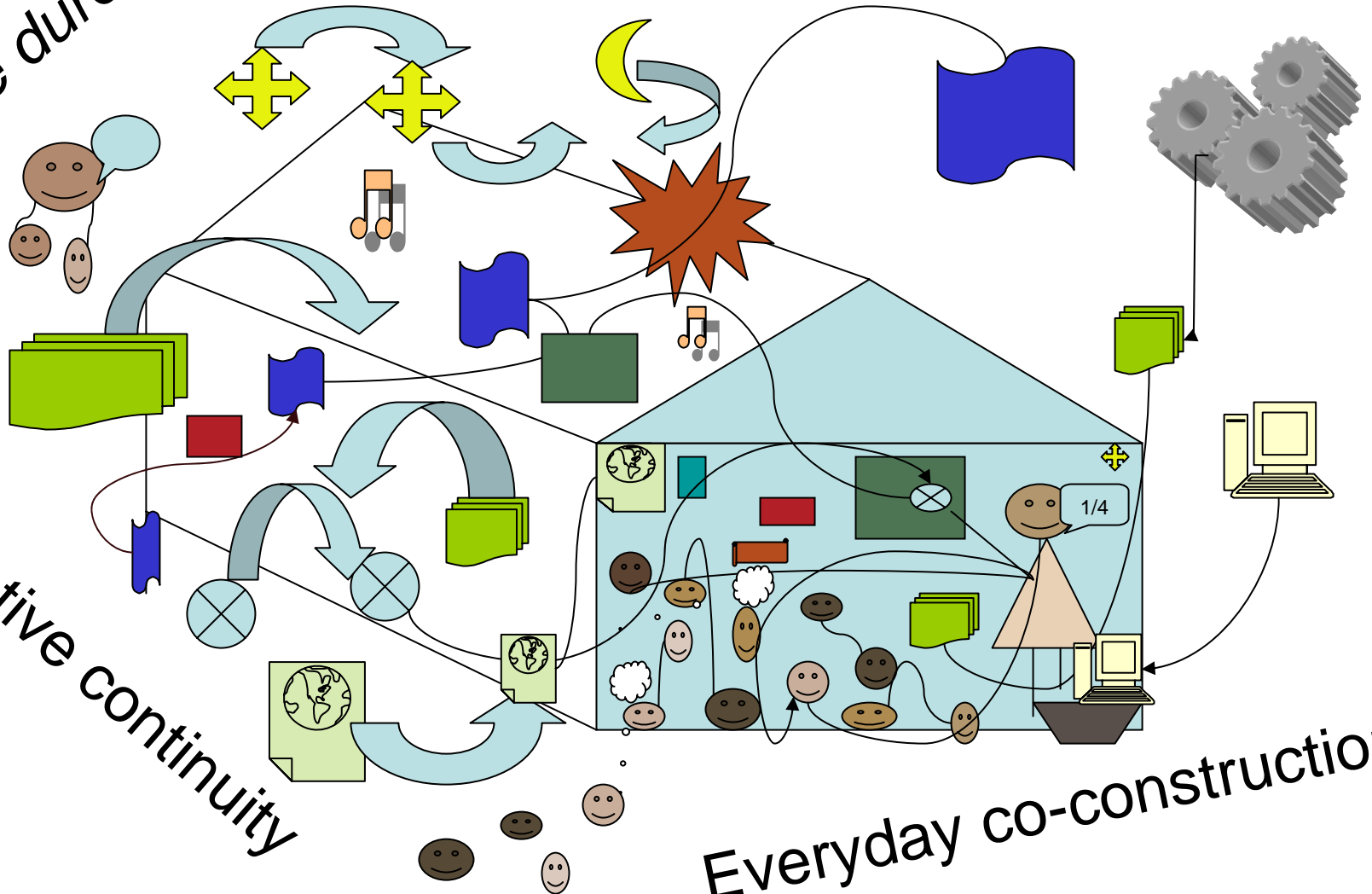
- Classrooms are permeable to local cultures
- Teachers and students use cultural resources in classrooms
- All representations are interpreted through local knowledge

# Historicity of school cultures

Longue durée

Relative continuity

Everyday co-construction

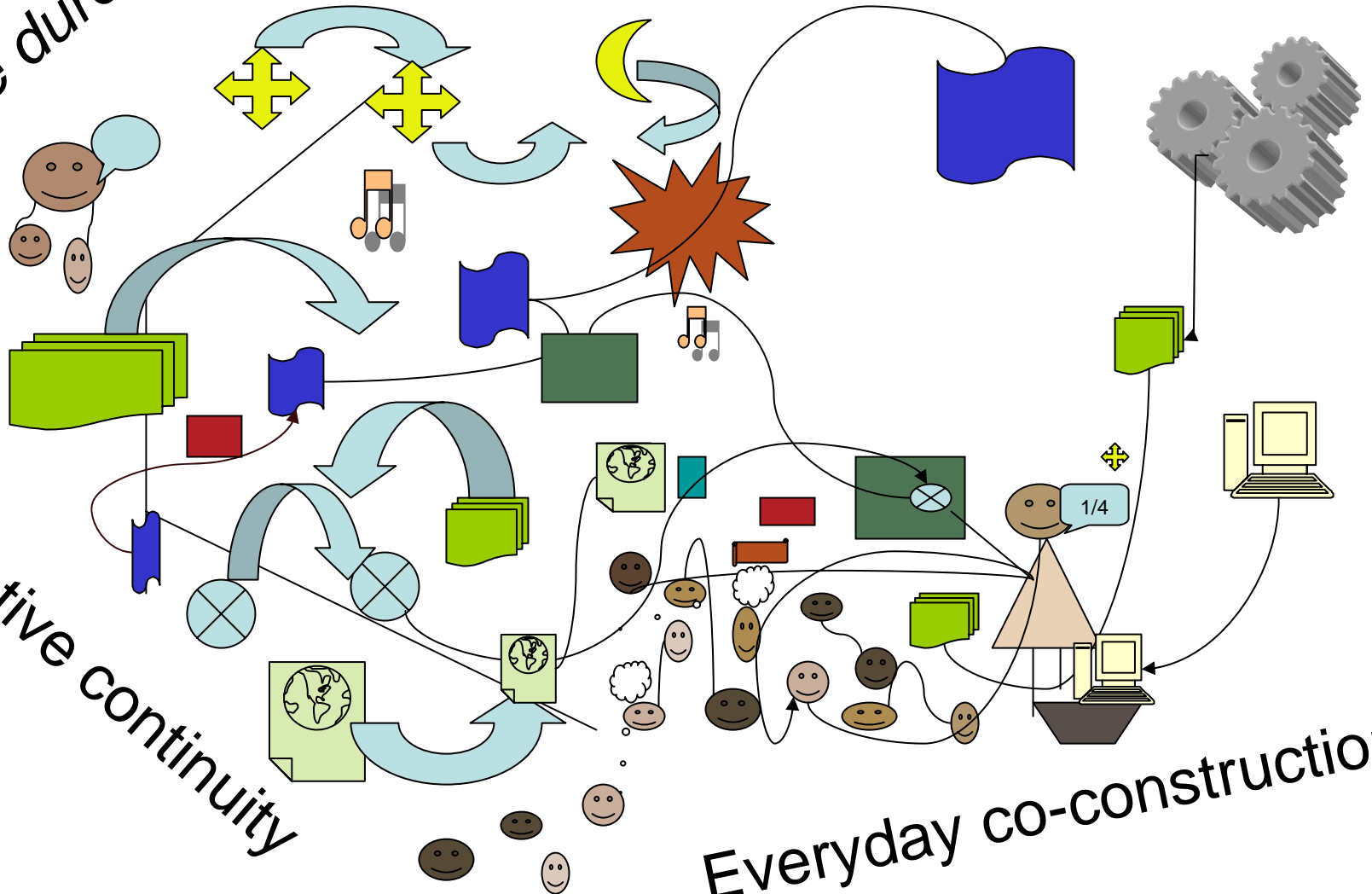


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# Underlying logics of schooling

**School literacy has been bound to other logics**

- The logic of religion
- The logic of feeding
- The logic of state formation
- The logic of colonialism
- The logic of revolution

## ...other logics

- The logic of citizenship
- The logic of the workplace
- The logic of the marketplace
- The logic of war
- The logic of cyberspace...