



CULTURAL UNIVERSALS

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** Location, the land, flora, fauna; When did the people live? What natural resources were available?
- 2. FAMILY & KIN:** Roles of males, females, children, & elders; Division of labor (who does what work?); Child training & “rites of passage.”
- 3. FOOD, CLOTHING, & SHELTER:** Food (what did they eat?) Clothing-everyday & “ceremonial” wear; Dwellings-types of houses, building materials; Transportation-how people moved from place to place.
- 4. POLITICAL ORGANIZATION:** Rules & laws; Who makes & enforces rules? How do people resolve conflicts? How is the government organized? Military.
- 5. COMMUNICATION:** Language-spoken, written, “sign” & “body” language.
- 6. ECONOMICS:** Division of labor - how is the work divided? Jobs - how people make a living; Trade & money.
- 7. TECHNOLOGY:** Existing technology, Tools & weapons.
- 8. BELIEFS & RITUALS:** Religious beliefs & practices; Birth & death rituals; Myths - explaining the unknown.
- 9. EDUCATION:** Knowledge needed for survival; Knowledge valued by the group; Formal training; Informal training.
- 10. CREATIVE EXPRESSION:** Literature, music, art, dance; Use of leisure time; Games of children & adults.