






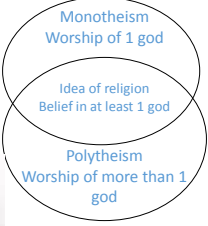

7 Elements of Culture Guided Notes



Element	Definition	Details and Examples
Social Organization	<p>Purpose: To meet the basic needs of a group To organize members into smaller units.</p> <p>Family _____ is the most important unit of social organization.</p> <p>Why? Family teaches children how they are expected to behave and believe.</p> <p>Social Class _____ ranks people in order of status. <u>List three things social class can be based on.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Money 2. Occupation 3. Education 4. Ancestry 5. OR other factors valued highly 	<p>Draw two simple pictures below. One to describe a nuclear family and one to describe an extended family.</p> <p>Describe the difference between the two types of families. A nuclear family only consists of a couple and their children in a household. An extended family consists of several generations living in one household.</p> <p>*Respect for elders is strong Draw a simple picture to describe a patriarchal family and a matriarchal family.</p>

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Customs and Traditions	<p>Purpose: - To provide a culture's rules of behavior</p> <p>How are the rules of a culture enforced? - Social pressure to enforce minor rules of daily behavior - Written laws to enforce strict rules of behavior</p>	<p>Give an example of a written behavior. Laws against stealing and murder</p> <p>Give an example of an unwritten behavior. Wearing jeans to a formal dance</p> 

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Language	<p>Language is the _____ cornerstone _____ of culture.</p> <p>Why? Without language, people would not be able to communicate their thoughts, feelings, and knowledge.</p> 	<p>How does language influence customs?</p> <p>Language reflects a culture's identity and people who speak the same language often share the same customs.</p> 

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Arts and Literature	<p>What is the purpose of arts and literature in a culture?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Product of HUMAN IMAGINATION - Teach us about our culture's values - Help strengthen cultural identity, pride, and unity 	<p>What are other ideas and examples that are part of this element of culture?</p> <p>Music Folk tales/stories</p>
	  	

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Religion	<p>Purpose: Helps people answer basic questions about the meaning and purpose of life.</p> <p>How does religion unify cultures? Spread and connect groups of people into one faith Can shape and blend different cultures together</p> <p>How might religion divide cultures? Fighting may exist between religious groups because of differences.</p>	<p>Fill in the venn diagram below about monotheism and polytheism.</p>  

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Forms of Government	<p>Purpose: To provide for common needs like keeping order within a society and protecting it from outside threats.</p> <p>How has government changed over time? Before: small groups with simple governments Today: More complex governments with 1,000s of officials.</p>	<p>Describe how a republic is a form of a democracy.</p> <p>Democracy- The people have supreme power. Republic- People have the power to choose leaders to represent them.</p> <p>How does a dictatorship control a group of people? The ruler/group holds power by force, usually with military support to stay in power.</p>
	 	

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Economic Systems	<p>Economics (definition): How people use limited resources to satisfy their wants and needs.</p> <p>Which type of economy gives individuals the most freedom? Market Economy: Individuals buy and sell goods and services.</p> <p>Which type of economy limits individuals decisions the most? Command Economy</p>	<p>Why is hunting and gathering an example of a traditional economy? Hunters and gatherers hunt for food they eat or raise it themselves. Produce most of what is needed to survive.</p> <p>How do businesses make decisions in a market economy? Business people decide what to produce based on what they believe consumers will buy to make money. Describe the government's role in a command economy. Government controls what goods produced, how produced, and what they cost. *Government makes major economic decisions.</p> <p>How is a mixed economy different than a market economy? Individuals and businesses make some decisions, but the government is involved to make others.</p>