**Cultural Universals**

These elements can be found in ALL groups of people. How they are practiced is not uniform but they are universal.

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| **Part of Culture** | **Explanation/Examples** |
| **Religion** | * Belief and value system
* Concept of the supernatural
* Creation ideas.
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| **Language** | * Representation using symbols
* Assigns meaning to sounds.
* Communicate in past, present, and future.

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| **Government** | * Process of decision making
* Enforcement of decisions
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| **Art** | * Any expression created for aesthetics
* Painting, music, dance, poetry, etc.
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| **Economics** | * Production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.
* Division of labor
* Monetary units to buy, sell, or trade.
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| **Technology** | * The application of scientific knowledge through production
* Tools, housing, clothing, transportation, gathering of food and supplies.
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| **Social Organization** | * They way in which people are grouped.
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| **Dietary Habits** | * What we eat, how it is prepared, and how we eat it.
* Different types of allowed food based upon region, religion, or nutritional needs.
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| **Recreation** | * Leisure activities
* Ways in which we indulge ourselves in enjoyable activity.
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| **Education** | * Process of learning and interacting among others in a social way.
* Learning values and expectations.
* Finding an identity and functioning in everyday life.
* Roles in society as son, daughter, mother, father, teacher, etc.
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