**Cultural Universals**

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Part of Culture** | **Explanation/Examples** |
| **Religion** | * Belief and value system * Concept of the supernatural * Creation ideas. |
| **Language** | * Representation using symbols * Assigns meaning to sounds. * Communicate in past, present, and future. |
| **Government** | * Process of decision making * Enforcement of decisions |
| **Art** | * Any expression created for aesthetics * Painting, music, dance, poetry, etc. |
| **Economics** | * Production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. * Division of labor * Monetary units to buy, sell, or trade. |
| **Technology** | * The application of scientific knowledge through production * Tools, housing, clothing, transportation, gathering of food and supplies. |
| **Social Organization** | * They way in which people are grouped. |
| **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. |
| **Recreation** | * Leisure activities * Ways in which we indulge ourselves in enjoyable activity. |
| **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. |