



Sociology

Unit II Review Guide – Culture and Social Structure

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Directions: Use the following review guide to help you prepare for the Unit II Test dealing with the Sociological principles of Culture and Social Structure. This review guide will not be collected for points and it is not required to complete the whole thing. The topics on this review guide are the topics that will be on the test so it is recommended that you focus on the topics you know least about in order to better prepare for the exam.

Section 1 – Defining Culture

1. Define Culture in textbook terms and then rephrase into your own definition.

2. Define the following terms related to culture
 - a. Value –

 - b. Belief –

 - c. Practice –

3. What is the difference between a habit and a custom?

4. What are Cultural Variations?

5. What are Cultural Universals?

6. Explain what Subcultures are, and what counter-cultures are. How are the two similar and different?

7. What is Cultural Diffusion – Use an example from the Mississippi Delta activity or from the Take It Local Activity to help you explain the process of Cultural Diffusion.

8. Explain how each of the following ideas are connected to the reactions to difference cultures.
 - a. Xenophobia –

 - b. Racism –

 - c. Ethnocentrism –

 - d. Ethnic/Cultural Conflict -

9. What is Cultural Relativism and why is it important when studying different culture?
10. Explain the difference between Folk Cultures and Popular Cultures.
11. Explain the following ideas as connected to Folk Cultures
 - a. Stability –
 - b. Traditional Controls –
 - c. Interaction with the Environment –
 - d. Isolation –
 - e. Threats –
12. What is Globalization and how is it changing the world's Cultural Landscape? Include Cultural Imperialism.

Section 2 – Cultural Traits

1. Define each of the following cultural traits and explain how they connect to cultural identity
 - a. Government -
 - b. Economy -
 - c. Gender Roles/Courtship -
 - d. Agriculture and Cuisine –
 - e. Education –
 - f. Etiquette –
 - g. Sports and Recreation –
 - h. Dance and Music –
 - i. Festivals/Holidays –
 - j. Architecture –
 - k. Work Ethic –
 - l. Medicine –
 - m. Dress/Grooming –
 - n. Technology –

2. Examining Religion explain why these are typically so important to cultural groups.
3. Explain the difference between Polytheistic and Monotheistic Religions.
4. What are the differences between Universalizing and Ethnic Religions? Give Examples of both.
5. What is a religious Branch? Sect? Denomination?
6. Explain why languages are so important to cultural identity and continuation.
7. What is a Protolanguage and how does it connect to the study of Language families?

Section 3 – Social Structure

1. What is a Societal Structure? How do Roles and Statuses connect to the formation of a societal structure?
2. What is the difference between an Ascribed Status, an Achieved Status, and a Master Status?
3. What are Role Expectations and how can they lead to problems?
4. What are Social Institutions and how do they help the developments of culture?
5. Explain each of the forms of Social Interaction.
 - a. Conflict –
 - b. Competition –
 - c. Cooperation –
 - d. Accommodation –
 - e. Exchange -