

Ch 3 Review Questions

Culture

Directions: Based on your reading of the chapter and the discussions in class, answer the following questions.

1. What broad distinction can be made between most animal behavior and most human behavior?
2. How does culture affect social behavior?
3. How does heredity affect social behavior?
4. How are language and culture related?
5. What are the essential components of culture?
6. How does cultural diversity arise within a society?
7. What is the role of ethnocentrism in society?
8. What similarities can be found in cultures around the world?
9. Why is culture more important than instinct in determining human behavior?
10. How do sociobiologists view human behavior?
11. What can be learned about a culture by studying its language and vocabulary?
12. How can language change a person's perception of the world?
13. How do norms affect the way we live our lives?
14. What benefits are to be gained by studying cultures other than one's own?
15. Distinguish among the three basic types of norms.
16. How is conformity to norms learned and accepted?
17. Why are values important?
18. What is the difference between ideal culture and real culture?
19. How is material culture related to nonmaterial culture?
20. How have basic values changed in the United States over the past twenty years?