

Time Frame: 4-6 weeks	Unit Title: Elements of Culture	Course Name: 7th grade Social Studies
Stage 1: Desired Results		
Established Goal(s)	Transferable Skills	
<p><i>Competencies and Standards</i></p> <p>NH SS Standards</p> <p>SS:GE:2: Places and Regions - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the physical and human geographic features that define places and regions as well as how culture and experience influence people's perceptions of places and regions.</p> <p>SS:HI:5: Social/Cultural - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the interaction of various social groups, including their values, beliefs and practices, over time.</p> <p>SS:WH:5: Social/Cultural Students will demonstrate their understanding of the diversity of values, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups over time.</p> <p>SS:CV:1: The Nature and Purpose of Government Students will demonstrate an understanding of the nature of governments, and the fundamental ideals of government of the United States.</p>	<p><i>Students will be able to independently use their learning to...</i></p> <p>gain a deeper understanding of diverse societies and develop empathy for different ways of life.</p> <p>More effectively interact civically and evaluate their own and other cultures through a multifaceted lens.</p>	
	Meaning	
	<p><u>Understandings</u></p> <p><i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>Culture involves ideas spreading, acculturating and evolving.</p> <p>Culture is not just the way of life of a group of people.</p> <p>Religions are one of the most identifiable cultural aspect among different people and that while they are different, in some ways they are the same.</p> <p>There are many aspects of different religions that we miss.</p> <p>Languages evolve over time and are just as distinctive as religions.</p> <p>Languages are also great examples of hearths, diffusion and acculturation.</p> <p>English is a prolific language.</p> <p>Government can serve one of two purposes. The Rule of Law is extremely significant to democracy.</p> <p>Democracy is not an easy process that requires people to participate in order for it to work.</p> <p>The American government is designed and protected by the US Constitution.</p> <p>Economics is the science of how people create and distribute wealth.</p> <p>There are 4 different major systems of how people attain and spread wealth.</p> <p>American capitalism is directly linked to democracy.</p>	<p><u>Essential Questions</u></p> <p>What are the eight elements of culture, and how do they influence a society?</p> <p>How does culture shape individual and group identities?</p> <p>How can we appreciate and respect cultural differences?</p> <p>Link to elements specific essential questions</p>

Acquisition	
<i>Students will know...</i>	<i>Students will be able to...</i>
how to create and read timelines and pie charts from data tables	Create graphs and charts for cultural data (religions around the world, history of English, world religions over time.)
the 8 elements of culture and examples	Identify and list examples of the 8 Elements of Culture as they apply to their hometown.
some languages are related and that English is a prolific language and truly multicultural	Explain the difference between Germanic, Latin, Semitic and Sino-Tibetan language families
how to apply hearth, diffusion and acculturation correctly when describing	Create venn diagram of Abrahamic religions Explain the differences between Abrahamic and Dharmic religions
how English is multicultural	Identify different religions via symbols, people, places
there are 5 major religions and what they share and what makes them unique	Define and explain the significance of Jerusalem, Mecca, the First Amendment, Bill of Rights and/or U.S. Constitution
that the First Amendment is more than the Freedom of Speech	Apply the terms hearth, diffusion and acculturation to the English language
that Jerusalem is a very unique city and an example of how diverse cultures can cooperate and conflict	Explain how English is a multicultural language (and supports the claim with evidence)
the US Constitution is a unique and powerful document that protects their way of life	Compare/Contrast the Rule of Law with the Rule of Man
the differences between the 4 economic systems	Explain the importance and function of the US Constitution
	Differentiate between the 4 different economic systems
	Answer the 3 economic questions