

Unit 3: Culture and Social Structure

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Cultural Variation

Cultural Universals

- Features common to all cultures
- George Murdock examined hundreds of cultures during the 1940s and compiled a list of over 65 cultural universals



What are somethings that all cultures share?

- Arts and Leisure – sports, dance, decorative art, games, music
- Basic Needs – clothing, cooking, housing
- Beliefs – folklore, funeral rites, religious ritual
- Communication and Education – education, greetings, language
- Family – courtship, family feasting, kin groups, marriage
- Government and Economy – calendar, division of labor, govt., law, property rights, status, trade
- Technology – medicine, toolmaking