

# Chapter 3, Section 1

# Understanding Culture

(Pages 80-85)

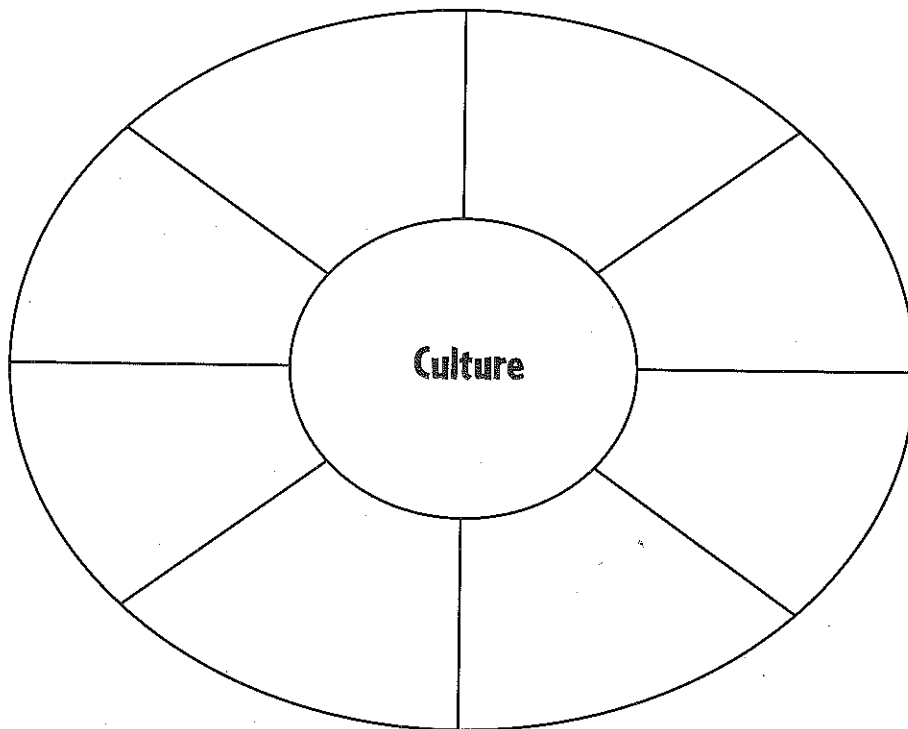
## Reason To Read

**Setting a Purpose for Reading** Think about this question as you read:

- What do many people of the same culture often share?

## Main Idea

As you read pages 80-85 in your textbook, complete this diagram by writing one of the eight elements of culture and an example of that element from the United States in each section.



What Is Culture? (pages 80-83)

Interpreting As you read, answer the following questions.

What aspects of different cultures are interesting to you?

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Why do you think social scientists study cultural traits?

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Terms To Know

Match each key term with the correct definition.

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| ___ 1. culture      | a. local form of a language  |
| ___ 2. ethnic group | b. group of people who share a common history, language, religion, and some physical characteristics |
| ___ 3. dialect      | c. government in which a ruler inherits power to rule  |
| ___ 4. democracy    | d. government in which a ruler is not responsible to the people                                      |
| ___ 5. dictatorship | e. way of life of people who share similar beliefs and customs                                       |
| ___ 6. monarchy     | f. people whose race or ethnic origin is different from that of the majority                         |
|                     | g. government where power rests with the people of a nation  |

Academic Vocabulary

Use each of these academic vocabulary words in a sentence that shows you understand each word's meaning.

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