



SOCIOLOGY

Culture & Society

Lesson #11 April 6, 2020



Objectives

1. Explain the difference between culture & society
2. Identify material and nonmaterial culture

Bellringer Activity

We often use the word “Culture” and “Society” interchangeably. However, they actually have two very different meanings. What do you think they have in common and how do you think they are different?

What is Culture?

- Culture is the knowledge, language, values, customs, and physical objects that are passed from generation to generation among members of a group.
- Simply put: “way of life.”
- Culture is alive and is always changing.
 - Slavery was a major part of culture for many years while it’s abolished now.
 - Cell phones weren’t a part of our culture until the last couple of decades...now they’re a huge part!
 - In another 20 years, who knows what we will have that we don’t have now!



We have two different types of Culture:

Difference

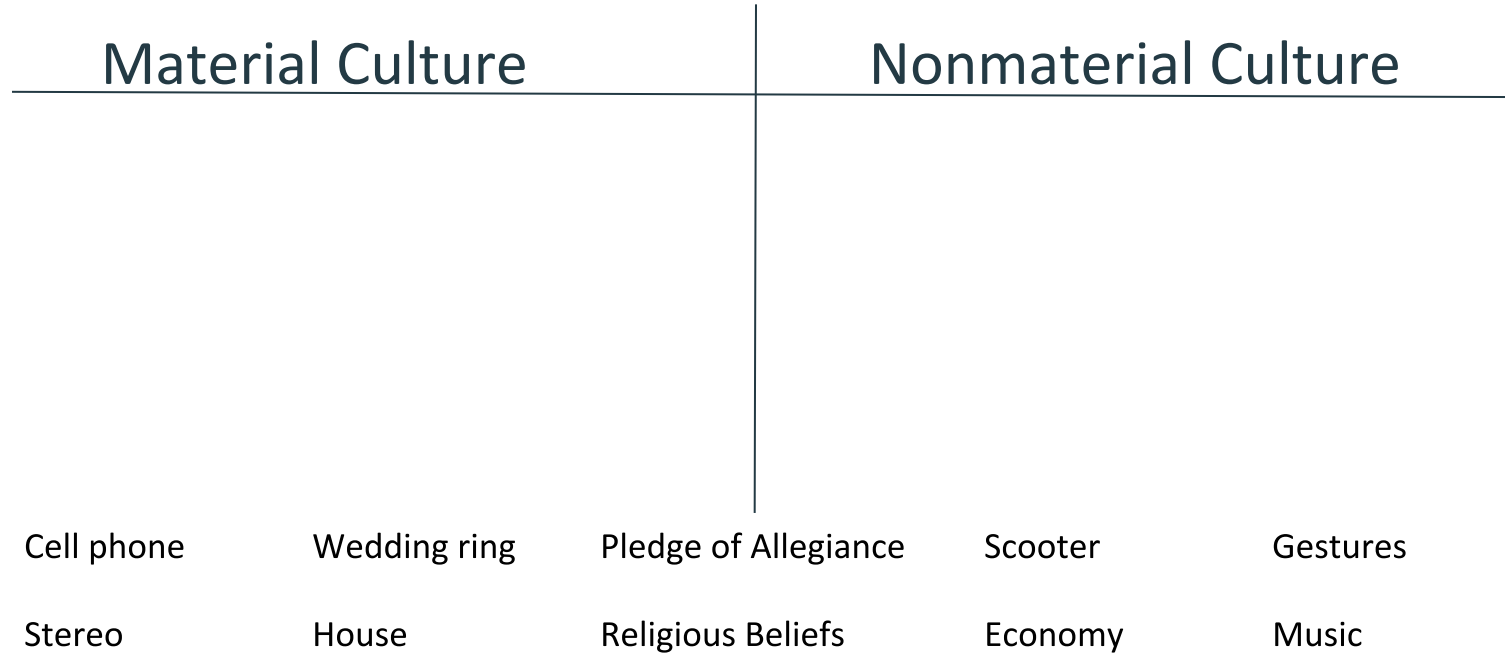
Material Culture

Material culture consists of concrete and tangible objects like tools, implements, furniture, automobiles, books, buildings, dams etc. These concrete and tangible objects are man-made.

Non material culture

Non-material culture consists of intangible and abstract objects. In includes customs, tradition, habits, manners, attitude, beliefs, language, literature, art, law, religion etc.

Draw a T-Chart like the one shown here. Place the items from the bottom into the appropriate column for the 2 types of culture:



Place the items from the box into the appropriate column for the 2 types of culture:

KEY

Material Culture

Nonmaterial Culture

Cell Phone
Wedding Ring
Scooter
Stereo
House

Pledge of Allegiance
Gestures
Religious Beliefs
Economy
Music

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Practice

Try to come up with 5 material and nonmaterial aspects of culture that apply to YOU and add them to the T-Chart that you just created and completed during the lesson. Try to identify things that are different from the practice (don't say car, Pledge of Allegiance, etc. because they were already listed).

After you're done with your 5, talk to another person (parent, friend, sibling, etc.) and see what they can contribute to your list!

What is Society?

- Society is a group of people who live in a defined territory and participate in a common culture.
- Human culture must be learned by the society (people) so that we can understand how to fit in.

Society = people

Culture = their stuff



Additional Resources

If you would like to learn more about Culture and Society, check out these resources:

Video: [Khan Academy: Overview of Culture](#)

Article: [Difference Between Culture and Society](#)