

Use this sheet for your field trip!

What is Culture?

- A**rt - What art forms are typical of this culture? (Crafts, paintings, drama, music, dance.)
- B**uildings - Which buildings, monuments, structures, and types of homes symbolize this culture?
- C**ommunication - How do people communicate with each other? How is information spread?
- D**ress - What clothing is typical of this culture?
- E**conomy - Who owns the farms and factories? Are they high tech, low tech, or no tech?
- F**amily - What does the typical family look like? What is the role of women and children?
- G**overnment - Who has power? How is the average citizen connected to the government?
- H**istory - What experiences have shaped this culture? (Feudalism, colonialism, war, revolution, famine.)
- I**con - What images (religious or secular) cause an immediate response in every person?
- J**obs - How does the average person (or family) make a living?
- K**nowledge - How is knowledge passed from one generation to the next?
- L**anguage - What words and expressions have a special meaning? What are the most popular forms of literature?
- M**ovement & Migration - How does the average person get around? To where are people moving?
- N**ational pride - What people, places, and things spark feelings of loyalty and patriotism?
- O**rganizations - What are the most important organizations (formal and informal) in this society?
- P**opulation - What are the largest groups - age, race, religion, language, ethnic group? Who is in the minority?
- Q**uality of life - Rate the average person's health and happiness. (Medical care, life expectancy, security, and opportunity.)
- R**eligion - What beliefs and values do people hold? What are the traditional holidays, festivals, and ceremonies?
- S**tatus - What classes, castes, professions, and groups (racial, ethnic, religious, cultural) have high and low status?
- T**aboos - What behaviors are considered to be totally unacceptable?
- U**rban or Rural - Do most people live in the city or the countryside? What does the typical community look like?
- V**acation & Recreation - How do people in this culture have fun?
- W**ays of everyday life - How do people take care of . . . cooking, washing clothes, shopping?
- X** marks the spot - How does *geography* shape the culture?
- Y**um - What foods were invented here? What do people eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?
- Z**tuff - Stuff that is typical of a culture. (You know, like chopsticks in China!)