Universals of Culture, Sub Topics and Examples or Associated Terms

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What are "Universals of Culture"? These "universals" are functions which culture serves and which are found in some form in every culture on earth.

Universal of Culture	Sub Topics	Examples/Terms
1. Material Goods (human-made, can be touched)	a) Food b) Clothing and Adornment of the Body c) Tools and Weapons d) Housing and Shelter e) Transportation f) Personal Possessions g) Household Articles	
2. The Arts, Play, and Recreation (entertainment)	 a) Forms of the Arts, Play, and Recreation b) Folk Arts and Fine Arts c) Standards of beauty d) Sports 	
3. Language and Nonverbal Communication	a) Forms of Nonverbal Communicationb) Language spokenc) Communication tools	
4. Social Organization	 a) Societies/Classes b) Families, Kinship Systems c) Roles (men, women, children) d) Marriage rituals/beliefs 	
5. Social Control	a) Governmental Institutionsb) Rewards and Punishmentsc) Peer Pressured) Customs/manners that control	
6. Conflict and Warfare	 a) Kinds of Conflict b) Kinds of Warfare c) Conflict resolution strategies d) Conflict avoidance techniques 	
7. Economic Organization	 a) Systems of Trade and Exchange b) Producing and Manufacturing c) Property d) Division of Labor/Specialization e) Standard of Living 	
8. Education	a) Informal Education b) Formal Education	
9. World View	a) Belief Systems b) Religion c) Attitudes d) Perspectives	