

Society Summary Worksheet Guidelines

Social

- Nature and complexity of social structure
- Potential for individual and group mobility
- Functions of family
- Roles and powers of family members
- Extent of urbanization
- Extent of links between elite and masses
- Population density
- Nature of leisure pursuits

Political

- Degree of political centralization
- Extent and nature of bureaucracy
- Ideological foundations of government
- Extent of popular participation
- Levels of state control over industry and trade
- Method of succession to government
- Degree and nature of contact between state and society
- Extent of military expansion / military technology
- Targets of loyalty (local vs. central government authorities)

Economic

- Role of agriculture in society
- Role of merchants in society
- Role of manufacturing
- Levels of technology (for economic advancement)
- Levels of internal and international (long distance) trade
- Gender division in economy

Cultural

- Dominant religious and philosophical systems
- Holy books / beliefs / images
- Literature (other than religious)
- Dominant artistic / literary styles
- Degree of cultural tolerance within society
- Degree of interest in foreign cultures and ideas
- Society's support of cultural pursuits
- Role of religion and religious figures within society
- Nature of cultural support of gender and social hierarchies
- Education (who, what, how)/ science / math