# Global Studies Unit 4, Lesson 5 **Cultural Universals**

Lesson 5: Cultural Universals Global Studies A Unit 4: Celebrating Diversity	Culture is something that makes us unique.
Cultural Universals Your goals are to learn how to complete these objectives: Explain culture as the way of life people have developed to meet their needs for survival Describe ways in which all cultures are the same Compare and analyze societal patterns for preserving and transmitting culture	But there are some elements that can be found in all cultures.
	So how are cultures alike?
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	Cultural Universals
	Ife people have developed to meet their needs for survival. Because humans belong to the same species, they all have similar ogical needs that must be met in order to survive. Some of these needs are as follows:
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cultural behavior patt	of the past and present, you can see that human cultures are more alike than they are different. There are at least seventy error that are unversally shared by all accides. These cultural unversals provide for the basic needs of the people and can be an icadegrous: social political, and economic.
	Social activities help people meet their needs of living with one another in small and large groups. Family structure, language, education, feasting, and celebrations are examples of social activities.
	Political activities are fewer in number but answer the basic question. "Who has the power?" The development of government, laws, and positors of authority are examples of political activities. The ways communities are organized are also examples of political activities.
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Economic activities solve the problems of getting and distributing food, goods, and services to the people. Property rights, rules of inheritance, trade, and housing are examples of economic activities. Another important economic activity is cooperative labor. People have learned that some jobs can be done easier by working together.

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Below is a table showing some examples of cultural universals for each category. Keep in mind activities may overlap all three categories. For example, people work so they can pay taxes which the government collects in order to operate schools which educate the young.

Social	Political	Economic
Courtship, marriage and marriage rules	Community organization	Division of labor
Family organization	Political organization	Rules of inheritance
Celebration and mourning	Governmental control	Cooperative labor
Education of the young	Laws	Trade
Feasting and mealtimes	Ethics	Property rights
Etiquette, gift giving	Religious ritual	Tool making
Use of personal names	Concepts of soul	
Art, music, dancing	Superstitions	
Greetings, gestures	Science	
Bodily adornment and hair styles	Weather control	

Remember the example of a mosaic? While people everywhere may appear to be different, there are many similarities people share. Governments, food, music, and religions might seem different, but the fact that they exist at all is an example that people everywhere and at every time have developed these cultural practices for the same reasons...



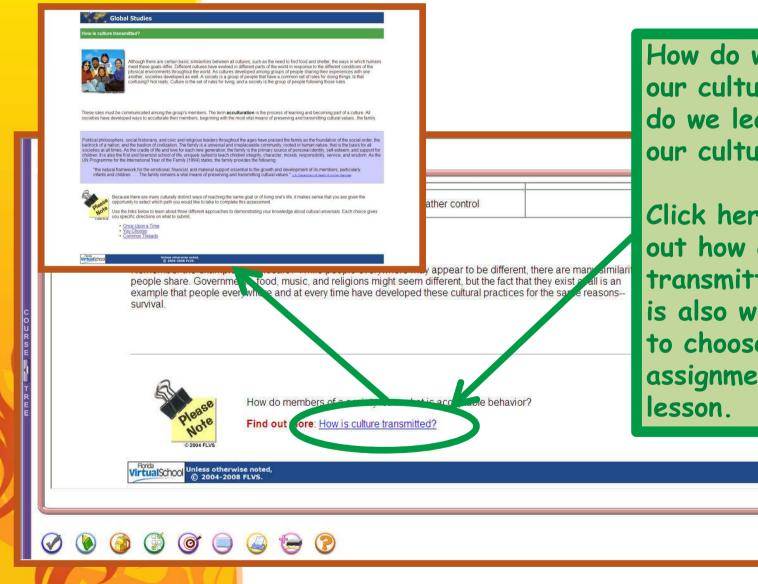
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Culture evolves in order to meet the needs of a group of people.

Generally speaking, people have the same needs.

Read this section to find similarities in how various societies address those same needs.



How do we preserve our culture? How do we learn about our culture?

Click here to find out how culture is transmitted. This is also where to go to choose your assignment for this lesson.

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# What is ACCULTURATION?



Annough mere are certain basic similarities between all cultures, such as the need to find food and shelter, the ways in which humans invest these goals differ. Different cultures have evolved in different parts of the world in resphysical suproments throughout the world. As cultures developed among groups of people another, society is developed as well. A society is a group of people that have a common s confusing? Not really, Sulture is the set of rules for living, and a society is the group of people

These rules must be communicated among the group's members. The term acculturation is the rocess of learnin societies have developed ways to acculturate their members, beginnin, with the most vital means of preserving an

Political philosophers, social historians, and civic and religious leaders throughout the ages have praised the famil bedrock of a nation, and the bastion of civilization. The family is a universal and irreplaceable community, rooted in societies at all times. As the cradle of life and love for each new generation, the family is the primary source of perchildren. It is also the first and foremost school of life, uniquely suited to teach children integrity, character, more in UN Programme for the International Year of the Family (1994) states, the family provides the following.

Because there are many culturally distinct ways of eaching the same goal or of living one's life, it m opportunity to select which path you would like to take to complete this assessment.

Use the links below to learn abruit the different approaches to demonstrating your knowledge abo

- specific directions on the
- Once Upon a Time
   You Choose
- Common Threads

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Unless otherwise noted, © 2004-2008 FLVS. Click these links to read about three different ways culture is transmitted.

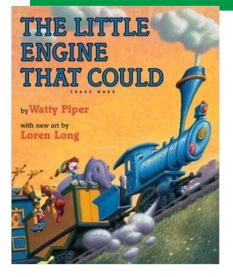
And guess what? <u>YOU</u> get to decide which section's project you will complete as your assignment.

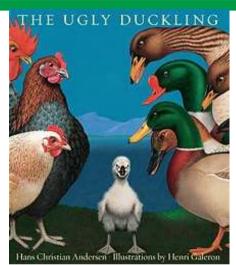
### Activity A: Once Upon A Time

Culture is taught to us beginning at a VERY young age. Children's stories are one way we pass culture down to the next generation. What values do these stories teach children?

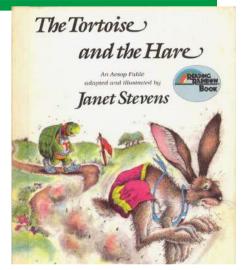
The Little Engine That Could
The Ugly Duckling
Pinocchio
The Tortoise and the Hare

Think about your favorite childhood stories. What values did they teach you?









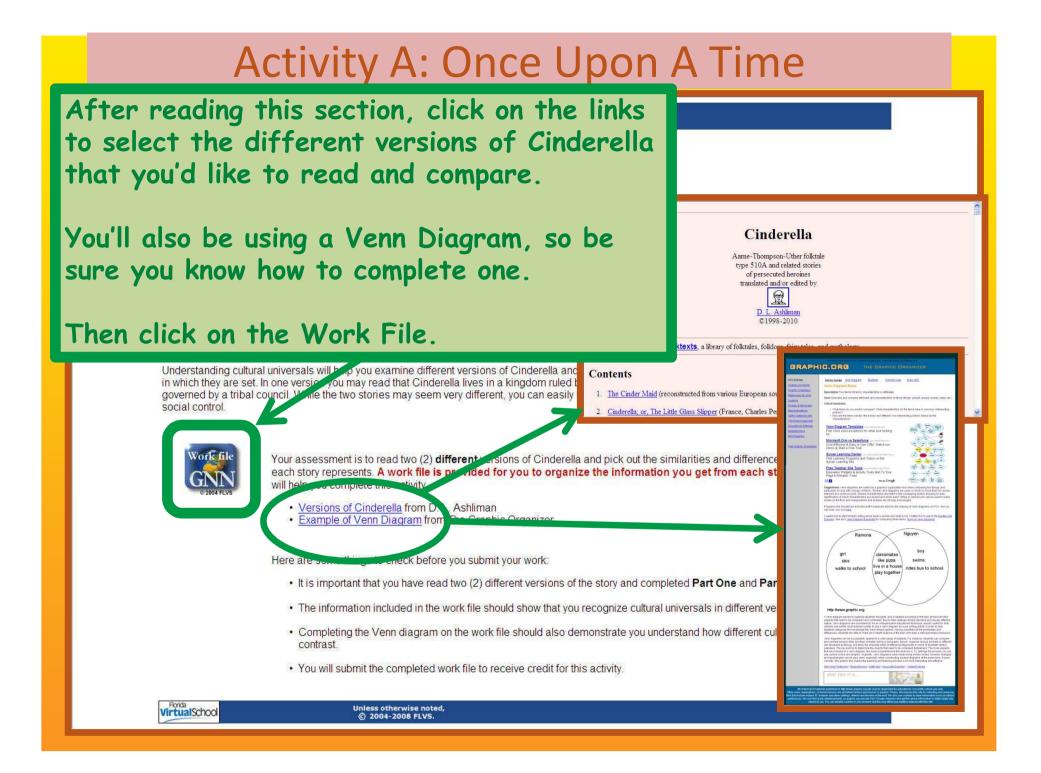


# Activity A: Once Upon A Time

As you can see here, the story of Cinderella has been used by many cultures to pass down values and morals. What does this story teach us?







### Activity A: Once Upon A Time The Work File

After reading two versions of Cinderella, complete Parts 1 and 2 of the Work File.

Cultural Universals Work File Choice A: Once Upon a Time (Option #1)

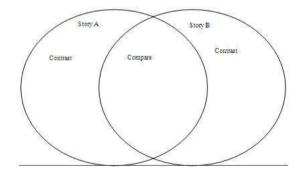
### PartOne

Use this work file to record the cultural universals you discover while reading two (2) different versions of Cinderella. Refer to the section on cultural universals in the lesson for help deciding what kinds of activities fit into each of the categories listed below. An example is provided to help you get started. Please delete the example before submitting your work file.

Culture	Social	Political	Economic
Title of story: Cinder-Elly by Frances Minters Location: New York City, NY, USA Description: This is a modern version of the Cinderells story about a young girl Cinderells story about a young girl baskstosling ame where she makes friends with the star player named Prince.	Invest with parents, brother and sister 2, goes to school wisches T.V. deys video games has to wash floor basketball game to young to go, must stay home 8. not supposed to speak to strangers has goodmother who wants to help 1. decides to get pizza sfter game	I. letteris     delivered by     mailman     godmother     cares sbout     her and came     to visit     origination     company     provides     numbers     company     provides     numbers     municipal     goverment     provides lamp     pots on city     streets	free lickets to basketball game     needs to go shopping for new clothes     not enough money to buy clothes for all godmother owns a cane billy is given a bilke to use     6. Elly is given a bilke to use     6. Elly inst be home on time or give the clothes back     7. Prince want to copy shop to make copies of poster
Title of story:		0	\$C
Location:			
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### PartTwo

Use the information above to complete a Venn diagram in which you compare and contrast the different versions of the story. Keep in mind that when you compare things, you are showing how they are the same or alike. When you contrast, you are showing how they are different. See the Lesson Resource Packet for help using the draw function of word processing programs. Or, if you prefer to create your own Venn Diagram, you may submit is separately as an attachment.



## Activity A: Once Upon A Time The Rubric

Don't forget to check the rubric to make sure you have met all of the requirements.

Notice how a point value is assigned to how many comparisons and contrasts are made.

Activity A: Student demonstrates understanding of elements of culture by creating a graphic organizer. Extent of comparisons and contrasts included in the graphic organizer will determine score as follows:	100 pts. total
At least three comparisons and three contrasts	70 pts.
At least four comparisons and four contrasts	80 pts.
At least five or more comparisons and five or more contrasts	90 pts.
<ul> <li>Few, if any, errors in spelling and conventions.</li> </ul>	5 pts.
Creative use of information and technology.	5 pts.

### Activity B: You Choose

How about the media? How does the media transmit culture? Songs? Magazines?



HUDSON RIVER PLANE CRASH Amazing Tales of Surv

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### Activity B: You Choose

\*\*The lesson does not provide a Work File for this activity. Instead, you will have to copyand-paste this page into a Word document so that you can complete the different parts of the assignment.

There are <u>FOUR</u> parts.

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### Activity B

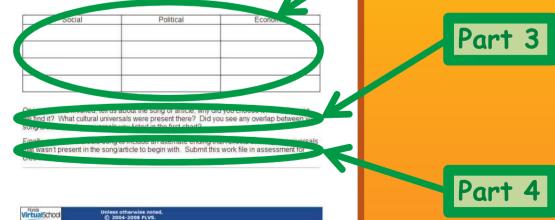
Cultural Universals are characteristics of a culture that are shared by most cultures. There are three categories of Cultural Universals – they are Social. Political, and Economic.

Please refer to the assessment page to get a description of what type of activities are included in each. If you are confused in any way, be sure to call your editor!

Once you feel comfortable with the universals, use the chart below to list three activities from your own life in each category – that will be a total of 9 activities. We've given you some examples.

Internet	Political	Etc.
<ul> <li>Aship, marriage, and marriage rules</li> </ul>	Political organization	Trade
Family Organization	Laws	Property Rights

Now for the fun part! Think about a CD or a magazine that you like. From that CD or magazine, pick a song or an article. Your job as a reporter is to evaluate your choice using the universals. As you are reading, or listering, think about the activities/characteristics mentioned and how you would categorize them as either Social, Political, or Economic. You may use the chart below to keep track of the universals you encounter. Be sure to include a minimum of three in each category for a total of 9.



Part 1

Part 2

### Activity B: You Choose

"Waiting for the World to Change" by John Mayer



Want to hear the music? Copy-and-paste this link into a web browser: http://www.jango.com/music/John+Mayer?I=0

### "Waiting On The World To Change"

Me and all my friends - John Mayer We're all misunderstood They say we stand for nothing and There's no way we ever could

Now we see everything that's going wrong With the world and those who lead it We just feel like we don't have the means To rise above and beat it

So we keep waiting Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting Waiting on the world to change

It's hard to beat the system When we're standing at a distance So we keep waiting Waiting on the world to change

Now if we had the power To bring our neighbors home from war They would have never missed a Christmas No more ribbons on their door And when you trust your television What you get is what you got Cause when they own the information, oh They can bend it all they want

### Activity B: You Choose



That's why we're waiting Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting Waiting on the world to change

It's not that we don't care, We just know that the fight ain't fair So we keep on waiting Waiting on the world to change

And we're still waiting Waiting on the world to change We keep on waiting waiting on the world to change One day our generation Is gonna rule the population So we keep on waiting Waiting on the world to change

We keep on waiting Waiting on the world to change Carefully read through the lyrics and choose terms/ideas that fit into the 3 cultural universals.

Some terms may overlap.

Then complete Parts 3 & 4.

### Activity B: You Choose

John Mayer's "Waiting for the World to Change"			Part 2
Social	Political	Economic	-
friends	those who lead it [the world]	the system	
neighbors	the system	the means	
Christmas	war	power	
generation	they		
population	the means		
television	power		
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Once you have finished, tell us about the song or article, why did you choose it? Where can we find it? What cultural universals were present there? Did you see any overlap between your song/article and the universals you listed in the first chart?

Part 3

Finally, rewrite the article/song to include an alternate ending that reflects one of you universals that wasn't present in the song/article to begin with. Submit this work file in assessment for credit.



## Activity B: You Choose The Rubric

Don't forget to check the rubric to make sure you have met all of the requirements.

Notice how a point value is assigned to each element.

	Activity B: Student demonstrates an understanding of cultural universals by submitting a work file that includes:	100 pts. total
Part 3	A minimum of 9 examples of cultural universals from their own life.	25 pts.
Part a	A minimum of 9 examples of cultural universals from the media source they chose.	25 pts.
Universals	A well developed paragraph that includes a discussion of why they chose this source, what universals they found it the source, and a citation of the source.	25 pts.
Part 4	A rewrite of the song or article that includes an alternate ending and a discussion of the universals found in the alternate ending.	20 pts.
	<ul> <li>Few, if any, errors in spellings and conventions.</li> </ul>	5 pts.

### Activity C: Common Threads

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Visual art is another way of passing down culture.

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We are all threads in the tapestry of humanity.

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Explore some ways in which fabric is used to create strong and powerful works of art that symbolize strong and powerful people and cutures. Be sure to look for ways in which different colors, patterns, and techniques are used to lel individual stories and communicate cutural messages that will help you find links and comections between us all.

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### First, consider the objectives of this activity:

 Develop a new range of "Visual literacy" by exploring art as a medium in which cultural values and traditions are transmitted
 vision traditions are used as a medium to communicate cultural values.
 Demonstrate the importance of traditions in preserving any cultural heretage.



### Next, you will need to reflect on the following:

In what way can visual art be used to communicate cultural universals? Begin by thinking about a family tradition, a family story, or an event that took place that has some special significance to you. Now consider the following questions:

Why is this faddion, story or event important to you?
 What would you want other people to know about how this tradition, story, or event has helped define who you are?
 What cultural unversionals are communicated by your tradition, story, or event?
 What of the artistic techniques discussed in this lesson would allow you to effectively share this tradition, story, or event
with other people? How does how/would allow/share. Cultures enhance you own?

Now, create your own "virtual" story cloth, quilt square, mola, or tapestry that communicates your tradition, story, or event.

Your choice should reflect careful thought about the above questions. Along with the visual representation, include a well-written three paragraph (or more) essay that addresses the questions listed above.



This should be submitted in an electronic format, but may be sent as a hand copy. Contact your instruction if you have any questions about submitting this assessment. You may want to investigate <u>Capturios Images or Losson</u> the submitted in t

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## Activity C: Common Threads Tapestry

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Tapestry is an art that uses fabric to tell a story. Click on these links to explore this art form.

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Another artistic use of fabric to depict important elements of culture is a heavy cloth woven in rich, varicolored designs or scenes called tapestries. Because of their size and weight, tapestries are generally used as wall decorations or furniture coverings. One of the most famous tapestries in the world is the <u>Bayeux</u>. Tapestry. This picture is from the Reading Borough Council web site. Although it is called a tapestry, it is in fact a very long and narrow piece of linen on which are embroidered in woolen yarns, figures and inscriptions depicting the conquest of England by William of Normandy in 1066 A.D.

### Activity C: Common Threads

### When creating your "virtual" story cloth, consider these questions.

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 Which of the artistic techniques discussed in this lesson would allow you to effectively share this tradition, story, or event with other people? How does borrowing traditions from other cultures enhance your own?

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## Activity C: Common Threads The Rubric

Don't forget to check the rubric to make sure you have met all of the requirements.

Notice how a point value is assigned to each element, including the visual art component and the written component.

	Activity C: Student demonstrates a sense of visual literacy by submitting a graphic representation of a cultural tradition that includes the following:	100 pts. total
<u>Part 1</u> Visual Art Component	Product should include story cloth, quilt square, mola, or tapestry that communicates a tradition, story, or event that is important to student	35 pts.
<u>Part 2</u> Written Response Component	<ul> <li>Answers to each of the following questions: <ol> <li>Why is this tradition, story, or event important to you? (15 pts.)</li> <li>What would you want other people to know about how this tradition, story, or event has helped define who you are? (15 pts.)</li> <li>What cultural values are communicated by your tradition, story, or event? (15 pts.)</li> <li>Which of the artistic techniques discussed in this lesson would allow you to effectively share this tradition, story, or event with other people? How does borrowing traditions from other cultures enhance your own? (15 pts.)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	6 <mark>0 pt</mark> s.
	Few, if any, errors in spelling and conventions	5 pts.

In this lesson, we learned about Cultural Universals, and how cultures can be viewed as more alike than different.

We also learned about three ways that culture can be transmitted: children's stories, media/songs/magazines, and visual art.

Think about your own culture. What cultural universals can you see within your own culture? In what ways has your own culture been passed down to you? You might want to discuss with a parent or learning coach to get their insight, as well.

### Unit 4, Lesson 5: The Drop Box

Assignment: <u>4.05 Cultural Universals</u> Assignment: <u>4.05 x Telling Stories</u>

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