Culture – learned shared behaviors of a group or society

1. Human Behavior
   1. Learned
      1. Individual experiences
      2. Shared – qualifies as culture
         1. Known as enculturation – learning a culture
   2. Innate, inborn, genetic
2. Patterned behavior
   1. Repetitive
   2. Linear or cause/effect
   3. Configurational
3. Symbolic
   1. Signal that has been assigned an arbitrary meaning by a culture
   2. Something you can perceive through your sensory system
      1. Hear it, touch it, etc.
   3. Language, auditory and written
   4. Hand signals
   5. Morse code
   6. Tradition (culture is almost interchangeable with tradition)
4. Systemic (interconnected & integrated)
   1. Infrastructure
      1. Ecology
      2. Technology
      3. Population regulation
   2. Structure
      1. Social organization with it’s social institutions
         1. Descent, family, marriage
            1. Kinship
            2. Economic
            3. Political organizations
            4. Education system

Inside each of these have social statuses and roles

* 1. Superstructure
     1. Ideology and mental aspects of culture
     2. What makes a person moral or immoral
     3. Beliefs
     4. Ideology
     5. What’s the best saw or best way to make a saw
     6. Ideas
     7. Values
        1. All have been acquired as members of our culture
  2. EVERY CULTURE HAS THESE 3 PARTS

1. Lawful & Predictable
   1. Culture is study-able
2. Cumulative, additive (NOT equal to the notion of progress)
   1. Culture tends to grow over time
3. Adaptive
   1. Changeable
   2. Human survival mechanism
   3. Selective agent
4. Scientific construct or abstracts