

## Elements of Deep Culture

1. Ceremony—what a person is to say and do on particular occasions
2. Courtship and marriage—attitudes toward dating, marriage, and raising a family
3. Esthetics—the beautiful things of culture: literature, music, dance, art, architecture, and how they are enjoyed
4. Ethics—how a person learns and practices honesty, fair play, principles, moral thought, etc.
5. Family ties—how a person feels toward his or her family, friends, classmates, roommates, and others
6. Health and medicine—how a person reacts to sickness, death, soundness of mind and body, medicine, etc.
7. Folk Myths—attitudes toward heroes, traditional stories, legendary characters, superstitions, etc.
8. Gesture and kinetics—forms of nonverbal communication or reinforced speech, such as the use of the eyes, hands, and body
9. Grooming and presence—the cultural differences in personal behavior and appearance such as laughter, smile, voice quality, gait, poise, hair style, cosmetics, dress, etc.
10. Ownership—attitudes toward ownership of property, individual rights, loyalties, beliefs, etc.
11. Precedence—what are accepted manners toward older persons, peers, and younger persons
12. Rewards and privileges—attitudes toward motivation, merit, achievement, service, social position, etc.
13. Rights and duties—attitudes toward personal obligations, voting, taxes, military service, legal rights, personal demands, etc.
14. Religion—attitudes toward the divine and the supernatural and how they affect a person's thoughts and actions
15. Sex roles—how a person views, understands, and relates to members of the opposite sex and what deviations are allowed and expected
16. Space and proximity—attitudes toward self and land; the accepted distances between individuals within a culture
17. Subsistence—attitudes about providing for oneself, the young, and the old, and who protects whom
18. Taboos—attitudes and beliefs about doing things against culturally accepted patterns
19. Concepts of time—attitudes toward being early, on time, or late
20. Values—attitudes toward freedom, education, cleanliness, cruelty, crime, etc.

*Whew! You can see why diplomacy, philosophy, social studies, wide reading, paying attention, etc. are so important in our global community! The Baxters lived in a far more isolated community than we live in now, but these elements can be seen at work all through the novel. Let's pay attention to them and talk about them.*