1. **Social** – How does the group relate to one another? how do people communicate? What do people do together? How is the group organized? What are the family and gender relations? Are there social classes? How do they live? Are there inequalities?

2. **Political** – Who is in charge? What is power based on? Who gives that person or group power? Is there a contract? What is the government structure? Are there significant wars, treaties, courts or laws?

3. **Religious** – What do various groups see as the meaning of life? Life’s goal(s)? Where did the group come from? What happens when they die? How do they spend their lives? Who talks to god(s)? What are the basic beliefs? Are there leaders or documents that define religion? Formal religious practices? Are there conversations? If so, how?

4. **Intellectual** – Who are the thinkers? What groups are given the chance to learn? How do people learn? Where does knowledge come from? Also look at art, philosophy, math, science, and education.

5. **Technological** – How do people or societies apply knowledge to solve problems? What kind of innovations occur? What resources do they find or adapt? What new things are created that had not previously existed?

6. **Economic** – How do people earn their food? Is it based on agriculture, commerce, small trades, or professions, or industry, like manufacturing or technology? Where’s the money? What are the valued and traded commodities? What technologies or industries define culture?

**Social**
Family
Gender Relations
Social Classes
Inequalities
Life Styles

**Political**
Leaders, Elites
State Structure
War Diplomacy, Treaties
Courts, Laws

**Religious**
Holy Books
Beliefs, Teachings
Conversion
Sin/Salvation
Deities

**Intellectual, Arts**
Art. Music
Writing, Literature
Philosophy
Math and Science Education

**Technological**
New Inventions
New Tools, Weapons
Ways to Improve Life
Technical Solutions
Infrastructure
(water, roads, etc. )

**Economic**
Type of System
Technology,
Industry Trade,
Commerce
Capital/Money
Types of Businesses

**SOCIAL**

**POLITICAL**

**RELIGIOUS**

**INTELLECTUAL**

**TECHNOLOGICAL**

**ECONOMIC**