

Unit VIII The Worlds of Work and Play Lesson 3 Grown-ups at Play

Culture and Play Checklist

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There are three types of culture.

- Traditional culture is passed on by word of mouth and observation within folk groups.
- Popular culture involves mass media.
- Elite culture is learned in formal institutions such as schools, academies, and museums.

Directions

- 1. Research various forms of adult play in the essays listed below.
- 2. List examples of adult recreation gathered during fieldwork.
- 3. Then use the checklists below to analyze which forms of adult play belong in each list.
- 4. Write examples you have found for each list. Some will have elements of all three cultural processes. List these in bloth columns and mark with a star (*).

Louisiana Folklife Articles

Deer Hunting with Dogs

http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/creole_art_deer_hunt_dogs.html

At Play in the Delta

http://www.folklife.si.edu/resources/Festival1997/atplay.htm

Dance for a Chicken: The Cajun Mardi Gras

http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/creole_art_dance_chicken.html

Keeping It Alive

http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Virtual_Books/Keeping_It/creole_book_keeping_it.html

Library of Congress Virtual Exhibits

Baseball Cards 1887-1914

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bbhtml/bbhome.html

American Variety Stage: Vaudeville and Popular Entertainment 1870-1920

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vshtml/vshome.html

An American Ballroom Companion: Dance Instruction Manuals Ca. 1490-1920

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/dihtml/dihome.html

Jackie Robinson and Other Baseball Highlights, 1860s-1960s

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/jrhtml/jrhome.html

The New Deal Stage: Selections from the Federal Theatre Project 1935-1939

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fedtp/fthome.html

Quilts and Quiltmaking in America 1978-1996

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlthtml/qlthome.html



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Folk Culture	Elite or Popular Culture	
Learned by word of mouth or imitation Learned within folk groups Learned from a traditional practitioner Learned informally	Learned in a formal class Learned or made with a kit Learned from a video or TV show Advertised in craft magazines	
Some examples are:	Some examples are:	