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Outline of Cultural Materials

CULTURAL TOPICS

The Outline of Cultural Materials, first developed by G.P. Murdock in the 1940s, is an ethnographic classification system on human behavior, social life and customs, material culture, and human-ecological environments. In the past this indexing system was used in the paper and microfiche versions of the Collection of Ethnography and now the OCM subject thesaurus serves the eHRAF World Cultures and eHRAF Archaeology databases. This brief PDF list includes the major categories and subcategories in the OCM, and you can find detailed descriptions of each OCM at hraf.yale.edu/resources/reference/outline-of-cultural-materials/

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- Finding and comparing cultural topics across languages and times
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