



Subjects, Cultures, & Traditions in eHRAF Collections

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An overview of topics, cultures, and traditions in our collections.

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The Outline of Cultural Materials

The Outline of Cultural Materials (OCM) is an ethnographic subject classification system designed to cover all aspects of cultural and social life. It was first developed in the 1930s by George Peter Murdock and colleagues at Yale's Institute of Human Relations and has been revised ever since.

The OCM has been used widely by ethnographers and museums for classifying cultural materials. In the eHRAF databases, these subjects have been used to index each and every paragraph in the over 700,000+ pages of ethnographic and archaeological documents, including books, journal articles and dissertations. This facilitates searching across all documents to find the exact paragraph-level content you need, regardless of the language, verbiage, or spelling conventions the author uses.

Uses

- Finding and comparing cultural topics across languages and times
- Conducting cross-cultural research and hypothesis testing
- Cataloging field notes
- Cataloging museum collections
- Cataloging multimedia research collections in a comparative cross-cultural way

Further Info

- Find our video user guide, our textual guide, and other support resources [here](#).
- Detailed descriptions of [each OCM here](#).



Did you know?

In eHRAF there are two main ways to view the whole OCM:

- 1) The Numerical View, which is printed below, lists the OCM identifiers according to their 3-digit codes in numerical order. Within this numerical list, codes ending in zeros (e.g., OCM 400 or 570) indicate parent subjects, which the next several codes fall under.
- 2) The Major Subjects View starts you off with very broad categories, such as "Religion." These Major Subjects can be chosen themselves (e.g., all paragraphs tagged with OCM identifiers related to religion will be selected), or can be narrowed to your preferred level of specificity, (e.g., "Congregations" OCM 794). To see the OCM in the Major Subjects View, go to eHRAF Advanced Search, click "Add Subjects" and then click "Major Subjects."

Another way of helping you find OCM subjects is the A-Z Index in Browse Subjects or in Advanced Search. Here, you can search subjects with user-defined keywords, and our thesaurus will suggest OCM identifiers to use in your search. For example, if you were to type in the broad term "aggression" as a search topic in the A-Z Index, our platform will point you to a number of specific OCM terms dealing with aggression, from aggression (international threats) - for which we suggest External Relations (OCM 648) - to interpersonal aggression, for which we suggest Ingroup Antagonisms (578).

Of course, no matter how you choose your OCM(s), you can broaden or narrow your search with keywords and cultures that you are interested in. The critical thing to note is that, unlike other databases, our searches are always executed at the paragraph-level to maximize your ability to retrieve appropriate information. In what follows, we present a shortened view of the OCM in Numerical View to give you an overview of the subjects covered.



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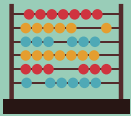
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in eHRAF World Cultures

CULTURAL COLLECTIONS

In the eHRAF World Cultures database the cultures and ethnic groups included are organized by regions (e.g. North America), subregions (e.g. Southwest) and subsistence types (e.g. hunter-gatherers). Every year 20-30 cultures with approximately 40,000 pages are added to eHRAF World Cultures. About 25% is new ethnographic material and the remaining material is converted from HRAF's previous microfiche collection for the cultures added to eHRAF.

DIG DEEPER

In addition to the wealth of ethnographies, primary source documents, and photographs that we have indexed for each culture, we also include an open-access cultural summary for each of the 311+ cultural collections at eHRAF World Cultures. [They can be accessed here, within the "Browse Cultures" tab.](#) Summaries help contextualize the diverse and plentiful ethnographic sources in our collections within broader social and economic spheres.

Written by professional anthropologists and cultural scholars, these summaries offer a broad survey of trends in demography, linguistic affiliations, histories, cultural relations, settlements, economies, kinship patterns, family structures, sociopolitical organizations, and religions and expressive cultures within the communities. [Learn more about cultural summaries and searching within and across cultural collections here.](#)

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CULTURES COVERED IN eHRAF WORLD CULTURES

CULTURES OF AFRICA



CENTRAL AFRICA

Azande	Rwandans
Barundi	Suku
Mbuti	Teda
Mongo	



NORTHERN AFRICA

Berbers of Morocco
Fellahin
Libyan Bedouin
Shluh
Tuareg



EASTERN AFRICA

Amhara	Hadza	Nyakyusa &
Bagisu	Kaffa	Ngonde
Banyoro	Konso	Okiek
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Dogon	Kpelle	Tiv
Fon	Mende	Wolof
Hausa	Mossi	Yoruba
Igbo	Nupe	

CULTURES COVERED IN eHRAF WORLD CULTURES

CULTURES OF SOUTH AMERICA



AMAZON & ORINOCO

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Bakairi	Saramaka
Barama River Carib	Shipibo
Canelos Quichua	Sirionó
Jivaro	Ticuna
Mundurucu	Trumai
Nambicuara	Tukano
Ndyuka	Warao
	Yanoama



CENTRAL ANDES

Aymara	Quito Quichua
Inka	Saraguro Quichua
Mapuche	Uru-Chipaya
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Bahia Brazilians	Karajá
Bororo	Tapirapé
Botocudo	Tupinamba
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NORTHWESTERN SOUTH AMERICA

Chachi
Goajiro
Kogi



SOUTHERN SOUTH AMERICA

Abipón	Tehuelche
Chorote	Terena
Enxet & Enlhet	Yahgan
Mataco	
Ona	

CULTURES COVERED IN eHRAF WORLD CULTURES

CULTURES OF ASIA



CENTRAL ASIA

Ghorbat	Pamir Peoples
Hazara	Pashtun
Inner Mongolia	Sherpa
Karakalpak	Tajiks
Kazakh	Tibetans
Kyrgyz	Turkmens
Lepcha	Uzbeks
Mongolia	Xinjiang Uygur
	Autonomous Region



CAUCASUS

Abkhazians



EAST ASIA

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Atayal	Okayama
Korea	Okinawans
Manchu	Taiwan Hokkien
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Baluchi	Nicobarese
Bengali	Santal
Bhil	Sinhalese
Burusho	Tamil
Garó	Telugu
Gond	Toda
Kashmiri	Uttar Pradesh
Kerala	Vedda



SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Balinese	Ifugao	Rmeet
Burmans	Javanese	Rungus
Cambodians	Kachin	Dusun
Central Thai	Karen	Semai
Eastern Toraja	Malays	Semang
Flores	Mentawaians	Southern Toraja
		Vietnamese

CULTURES COVERED IN eHRAF WORLD CULTURES

CULTURES OF EUROPE



SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

Albanians
Bosnian Muslims
Croats
Greeks
Montenegrins
Serbs
Slovenes



SCANDINAVIA

Early Icelanders
Icelanders
Saami



BRITISH ISLES

British (1714-1815)
Highland Scots
Rural Irish

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SOUTHERN EUROPE

Basques
Imperial Romans



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CULTURES OF MIDDLE AMERICA & CARIBBEAN



CARIBBEAN

Cubans
Dominicans
Haitians
Island Carib
Jamaicans
Puerto Ricans (Island)



CENTRAL AMERICA

Garifuna
Kuna
Miskito
Talamancans



CENTRAL MEXICO

Aztecs
Nahua
Zapotec

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MAYA AREA

Mam Maya
Maya (Yucatán Peninsula)
Tzeltal



NORTHERN MEXICO

Huichol
Tarahumara

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CULTURES OF NORTH AMERICA



ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC

Aleut
Alutiiq
Chipewyans
Copper Inuit
Ingalik
Innu
Kaska
Ojibwa
Western Woods Cree



EASTERN WOODLANDS

Cherokee
Creek
Deleware
Fox
Iroquois
Mi'kmaq
Natchez
Seminole
Winnebago/Ho-Chunk



NORTHWEST COAST & CALIFORNIA

Chinookans of the
Lower Columbia
River
Haida
Nuu-chah-nulth
Nuxalk
Pomo
Quinalt
Tlingit
Tubatulabal
Yokuts
Yuki
Yurok

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PLAINS & PLATEAU

Assiniboine
Blackfoot
Comanche
Crow
Gros Ventre
Klamath
Kutenai
Omaha
Osage
Pawnee
Stoney



REGIONAL & ETHNIC CULTURES

African Americans
Amish
Arab Americans
Arab Canadians
Basque Americans
Cajuns
Chicanos
Chinese Americans
Chinese Canadians
Cuban Americans
Haitian Americans
Italian Americans
Italian Canadians
Korean Americans
North American Armenians
North American Hasidic Jews
North American Hmong
Puerto Ricans (Mainland)
Sea Islanders
Serbian Americans



SOUTHWEST & BASIN

Eastern Apache
Havasupai
Hopi
Maricopa
Mescalero Apache
Mormons
Navajo
Northern Paiute
O'odham
Tewa Pueblos
Ute
Western Apache
Zia Pueblo
Zuni

CULTURES COVERED IN eHRAF WORLD CULTURES

CULTURES OF OCEANIA



AUSTRALIA

Aranda
Tiwi



MELANESIA

Kanak	Orokaiva
Kapauku	Sa
Kimam	Santa Cruz Islanders
Kwoma	Siwai
Lesu	Tinputz
Malekula	Trobriands
Manus	Wogeo
Northeastern Massim	



MICRONESIA

Belau	Ulithi
Chuuk	Woleai Region
Kiribati	Yapese
Marshallese	



POLYNESIA

Hawaiians	Rapa Nui
Lau Fijians	Samoaans
Maori	Tikopia
Marquesas	Tongans

CULTURES OF MIDDLE EAST



MIDDLE EAST

Babylonians	Israelis	Rwala Bedouin
Basseri	Kurds	Turks
Bedouin	Lur	Yemenis
Iran	Palestinians	

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NORTHERN AFRICA

Early Dynastic Egypt
Khartoum Neolithic
Late Paleolithic Egypt
Late Pleistocene-Early Holocene Maghreb
Lower Egypt Predynastic
Middle Paleolithic Egypt
Protohistoric Egypt
Upper Egypt Predynastic



SOUTHERN AFRICA

Wilton



WESTERN AFRICA

West African Iron Age

TRADITIONS COVERED IN eHRAF ARCHAEOLOGY

TRADITIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA



CENTRAL ANDES

Andean Regional Development
Andean Regional States
Aymara Kingdoms
Chavin
Chimu
Coastal Andean Archaic
Coastal Andean Early Formative
Coastal Andean Late Formative
Highland Andean Archaic
Highland Andean Formative
Huari
Inka
Moche
Nazca
Tiahuanaco



NORTHWESTERN SOUTH AMERICA

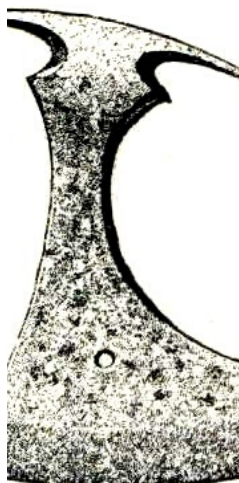
Early Northwest South American Littoral
Manteño

TRADITIONS OF EUROPE



EASTERN EUROPE

Eastern European Mesolithic
Northeastern European
Bronze Age



SCANDINAVIA

Scandinavian Iron Age



GENERAL EUROPE

Bell Beaker
Impressed Ware



SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

Southeastern Europe Late Chalcolithic

TRADITIONS COVERED IN eHRAF ARCHAEOLOGY

TRADITIONS OF ASIA



CENTRAL ASIA

Early Nomad
Eastern Central Asia
Neolithic & Bronze Age
Scythian-Sarmatian



NORTH ASIA

Tarya Neolithic

SOUTHEAST ASIA

South Asian Upper Paleolithic



EAST ASIA

Dawenkou
Middle-Upper Yellow River Middle Neolithic
North China Upper Paleolithic
Southeast China Early Neolithic
Yayoi
Yellow River Early Neolithic



SOUTH ASIA

Central Indian Neolithic
Early Indus
Ganges Neolithic
Indus Neolithic
Mature Indus
South Indian Chalcolithic
Vedic



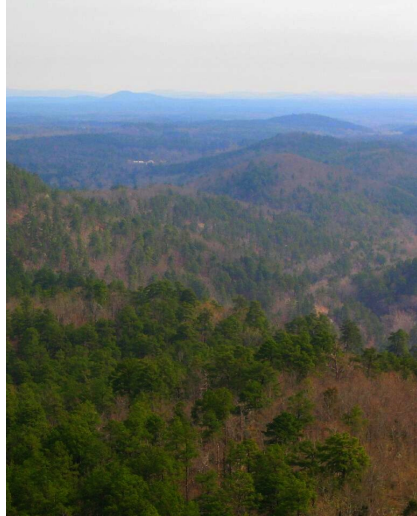
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TRADITIONS OF MIDDLE AMERICA & CARIBBEAN



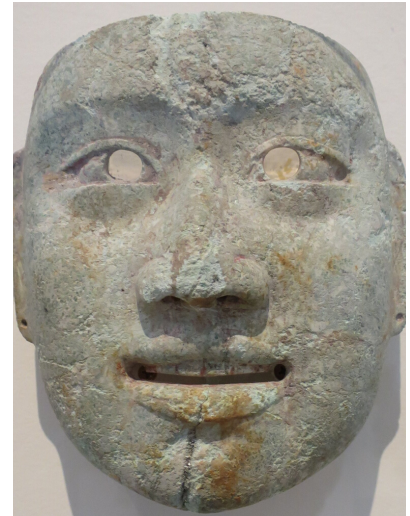
CARIBBEAN

Late Caribbean



GENERAL MIDDLE AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Early Mesoamerican Archaic
Highland Mesoamerican Archaic
Highland Mesoamerican Early Preclassic
Highland Mesoamerican Late Preclassic



CENTRAL MEXICO

Central Mexico Classic
Central Mexico Postclassic
Olmec
West Mexico Postclassic



MAYA AREA

Classic Maya
Lowland Mesoamerican Archaic
Postclassic Maya
Preclassic Maya



NORTHERN MEXICO

Huatabampo

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TRADITIONS OF NORTH AMERICA



ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC

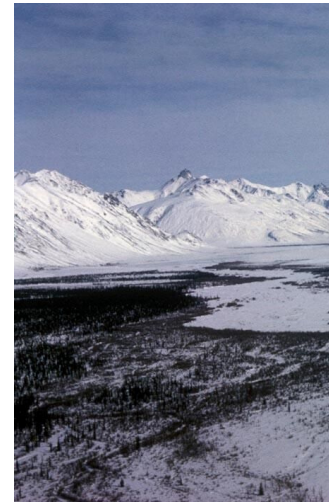
Late Tundra
Norton
Paleo-Arctic
Proto-Athapaskans



EASTERN WOODLANDS

Adena
Eastern Early Archaic
Eastern Early Woodland
Eastern Late Archaic
Eastern Late Woodland

Eastern Middle Archaic
Eastern Middle Woodland
Hopewell
Initial Shield Woodland
Mississippian



GENERAL NORTH AMERICA

Eastern Arctic Small Tool
Late Paleo-Indian
Early Paleo-Indian*

***NEW WORLD**



PLAINS & PLATEAU

Cascade



SOUTHWEST & BASIN

Basketmaker
Early Anasazi
Early Desert
Archaic
Hohokam

Late Anasazi
Middle-Late Desert
Archaic
Mogollon



NORTHWEST COAST & CALIFORNIA

Late Southern California

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TRADITIONS OF OCEANIA



MELANESIA
New Guinea Neolithic



POLYNESIA
Hawaiian
Tongan

TRADITIONS OF MIDDLE EAST



MIDDLE EAST

Aceramic Neolithic
Akkadian
Ceramic Neolithic
Early Dynastic Mesopotamia

Epipaleolithic
Halafian
Iranian Bronze Age

Jemdet Nasr
Late Chalcolithic Mesopotamia
Ubaid

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