

# Culture and Objects

Use this hand-out to facilitate student discussion about how they classify given objects within the three components of culture: Ideological, Technological, and Sociological.

Example object: A Sari from India

A sari is a traditional garment worn by women in India.

Ideological: Hindus believe the source of the universe is in the Hindu god, Vishnu's navel, therefore Saris often do not cover women's midsections.

Technological: Saris function as clothing, ranging from everyday articles to formal wear.

Sociological: Saris are tied to the Hindu religion.



## Classifying Components of Culture

### Ideological (Ideas and Beliefs)

- Knowledge of a culture
- Legends
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Folk wisdom
- Values

### Technological (Functions)

- Tools
- Instruments to feed, clothe, house, defend, transport, and amuse

### Sociological (Relationships)

- Economic
- Political
- Military
- Religious
- Social association  
(family, church, or state)