

**Economy****Cultural Interdependence Series****Grade Levels:**

7-12

**Subject Areas:**

Social Studies

Geography

Cultures

World Cultures

**Synopsis:**

The culture of a region is affected by the economic activities of that region. Economic activities vary depending on topography, climate, and natural resources. People produce products and services to help meet their subsistence needs. Economic systems such as free market economies and command economies are explored.

**Learning Objectives:** Students will:

- Understand how economy activities are affected by factors such as topography, climate, and natural resources
- Consider how different economic systems affect cultures
- Gain a greater understanding of how your own culture is affected by economic activities

**Vocabulary:**

Economy, barter, subsistence needs, production, agriculture, service, industry, topography, climate, natural resources, import, export, trade, technology, free market economy, command economy

**Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

How would you describe the economic activities of the area that you live in?

How does the geography of your area shape the economy of your region? What are some economic activities that do not take place in your region?

How do you think technology has affected economic activities?

**Post-Viewing Discussion:**

How do people provide for their subsistence needs?

What are the three types of production? Provide examples of each.

How does topography influence economic activity?

Why do people from different parts of the world interact with each other?

Why do we use technology to help meet our basic needs? What would be a reason for a culture to not use new technology to produce goods or services?

**Further Activities:**

Consider how economic activity is being altered due to climate change. Find three tangible examples and report on how cultures are changing and adapting to new circumstances.