

## TOPIC: WHAT IS SOCIETY?

♦ **Society:** Group of people who:

- ① Live in a definable \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② Share \_\_\_\_\_ components.

♦ **Gerhard Lenski** (1924 – 2015): Theorized that societies change over time due to evolution in \_\_\_\_\_.

► **Technology influences:**

- How many people you can feed → group \_\_\_\_\_.
- How resources are acquired → \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who holds \_\_\_\_\_ → social organization.
- How to respond to the environment → type of \_\_\_\_\_.



### GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How do societies change over time?
- What makes societies change?
- What connects and divides societies?

## EXAMPLE

Fill in the table below to determine if each group of people would be described as a *society*.

Group	Definable Area?	Shared Culture?	Society?
A group of individuals who met online all live in different countries, and are all fans of a particular video game.			
A group of individuals live in the same neighborhood and obey the ordinances by the town's mayor.			
Two warring tribes live in the same valley but do not share a language or customs.			

## PRACTICE

For a group of people to be considered a society, which of the following must be true?

- I. They must share a religion or occupation.
- II. They must live in a definable area.
- III. They must share some components of culture.

a) I & II

b) I & III

c) II & III

d) I, II, & III