

ISPICE Guided Questions

Ideology

1. What are the beliefs of the people or groups involved?
2. What is the structure or system being formed, introduced, used, maintained, changed or abolished?
3. What is the perception of the people or groups involved?
4. How is the person or group trying to persuade or manipulate the individual or society?
5. What ideas are being made or given?
6. What religious ideas are being shared?
7. What is considered right and wrong?
8. What are the facts and opinions?
9. How and why are perspectives weighted equally or differently?

Social

1. How does the group relate to one another?
2. How do people communicate?
3. How are groups organized (hierarchies/social classes)?
4. What are the family and gender relations (patriarchal/matrilineal)?
5. Are there ethnic and/or racial divisions?
6. Are there social and economic classes inequities? Explain.
7. What do groups prioritize or consider important?

Political

1. Who is in charge?
2. How much power do they have?
3. How is power transferred?
4. Is there a bureaucracy?
5. Who chooses leader(s)?
6. What is the system (e.g. theocracy, absolutism, democracy, and communism)?
7. Are the events leading up to a revolt or revolution? What is the cause and effect?
8. Are there revolts and revolutions?
9. What is the cause and effect?
10. Are there significant wars, treaties, courts or laws?
11. Did the political boundaries change over time?
12. How and why did change occur?

Interaction Between Humans, Innovations, Animals, and the Environment

1. In what geographic region is this located?
2. What geographic landscape makes up the region?
3. How are the people/events affected by the geography?
4. How do the people interact with their environment?
5. How does the environment define the culture/civilization?
6. What are the patterns of settlement (urban/rural)?
7. How are people using technology, science, resources and or inventions?
 - a. How are these concepts affecting the other domains?
8. How do demography, movement and migration affect people, goods and ideas?

Culture

1. What is the meaning of life?
2. What is the belief system and what are the basic beliefs?
3. What is the religion?
 - a. Are there more than one?
4. Are there leaders or documents which define religion?
 - a. What is the level of the power of the leader(s)?
5. Do leaders have to follow a document or given absolute control?
6. What are the philosophies and ideologies?
7. What groups are given the chance to learn?
8. How do people learn and where does the knowledge come from?
9. What groups are held back from progress and who are treated unfairly?
10. What are the developments in math and science?
11. What innovation, technologies and inventions were developed?
12. How do they express themselves through art, music, writing, and literature?

Economic Systems

1. What is produced? How should we produce it? For Whom it is produced? How are good distributed?
2. How is or was wealth made?
3. How do people earn their food?
4. Is the economy based on agriculture, pastoralism, commerce small trades or professions, or industry like manufacturing and technology?
5. Where is the money?
6. What is the economic system (ex. Capitalism, socialism, and communism)?
7. What are the valued and traded commodities (ex. Silk, sugar, spices, cotton, consumer goods)?
8. What are the patterns of trade and commerce between various societies (ex. Silk Road, Trans-Saharan, Indian Ocean, Triangle Trade, NAFTA)?
9. What is the labor system (ex. Slavery, coerced, semi-coerced, wage labor)?

ISPICE Chart

Culture/Civilization _____

Time Period _____

<p>IDEOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religion and doctrine ▪ Belief systems, theories and assumptions ▪ Structures ▪ Mindset, Philosophy ▪ Perception and persuasion ▪ Ideas and ideals ▪ Ethics, morals ▪ “isms” ▪ Effects of Perspectives 	
<p>SOCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family & kinship ▪ Gender Roles and Relations ▪ Hierarchies ▪ Social & Economic Classes ▪ Racial & Ethnic Structures ▪ Life Styles 	
<p>POLITICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Political Structures & Forms of Governance ▪ Leaders, Pharaoh, Presidents, King, Emperor ▪ Empires, Nations & Nationalism ▪ Wars, change, revolts, and revolutions ▪ Courts, Laws, Treaties, Diplomacy ▪ Regional, Trans-regional, Global Structures & Organizations 	
<p>INTERACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical (location, region, climate, natural barriers) ▪ Demography & Disease ▪ Movement/Migration ▪ Patterns of Settlement ▪ Technology impact 	
<p>CULTURAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religions ▪ Belief Systems, Philosophies, and ideologies ▪ Education, writing, The Arts, Education ▪ Math, Science & Technology, Architect ▪ Food, Language, Values 	
<p>ECONOMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture & Pastoral Production ▪ Labor Systems, Businesses ▪ Industrialization, Systems to Generate Money/Wealth ▪ Trade, Commerce ▪ Capital/Money ▪ Mercantilism, Capitalism, Socialism, Communism 	

Using ISPICE will help you take effective notes and help you answer questions and projects effectively.

Summarize your findings of each concept below.

Ideology



Social



Political



Interaction



Culture



Economic


