

Curriculum Unit
Title

Rites of Passage: A Case Study of the Amish Rumspringa

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

- *Socialization is the life-long process of developing one's personality and learning the norms (rules) of how to behave*
- *Socialization affects societies*
- *Culture is a total way of life of people.*
- *Rites of passage are ceremonies or events marking an important stage in someone's life, especially birth, puberty, marriage, and death.*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

1. What is the socialization process? How does it relate to my life? The Amish way of life?
2. What are some examples of meaningful interaction experiences from my life? From the life of the Amish? How do these relate to the socialization process?
3. How is an agent of socialization defined? Who/what is an agent of socialization that has deeply impacted you and how? Who/what is an agent of socialization that affects the Amish people? How?
4. What is culture and how is it reflective of the socialization process?
5. What is a rite of passage and how is this related to socialization? To culture?

CONCEPT A

Culture

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS A

What is culture and how is it reflective of the socialization process?

VOCABULARY A

- Culture
- Material culture
- Non-material culture
- Values, Beliefs, Norms, Folkways, Mores
- Symbols

CONCEPT B

Rites of Passage

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS B

What is a rite of passage and how is this related to socialization? To culture?

VOCABULARY B

- Sacred and profane
- Stages of a Rite of Passage: separation, liminality, and incorporation

CONCEPT C

Rumspringa

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS C

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VOCABULARY C

- Rumspringa
- Socialization
- Agents of socialization

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

PBS Documentaries – The American Experience/The Amish and The Amish – Shunned