

cultural capital ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

Cultural assets (beyond the economic) such as family background and commitment to education that contribute to an individual's or group's position in society and achievement in education.

Additional Information:

As an analytic concept, cultural capital questions what constitutes valued knowledge in contemporary society, suggesting that powerful groups determine what counts. Following this concept, some students (for example, those advantaged by higher social status) are more able to acquire knowledge because of cultural advantages they bring to education based on class, race, or gender. *For further explanation:*

“Culture in the Cupboard” is a lesson plan offered by National Geographic’s Expeditions series that allows middle grades students to consider the cultural influence of household items on students’ cultural heritage.

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