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Cultural Comparisons

1. Review the chart below to see how the Wichita Indians met the basic human needs for shelter, subsistence (food), clothing, and the ability to pass along their culture to future generations.
2. Next, fill in the right-hand column to show how your culture meets these same needs. Be sure to list objects that would provide evidence of how your culture meets these four basic needs.
3. Compare your culture with the Wichita culture.

4 basic human needs	Wichita Indian Culture	Your Culture
Shelter	<p>The Wichita lived in beehive-shaped grass houses built of saplings/young trees, prairie grass, rawhide, and bark cordage.</p> <p>Supporting Artifacts: Graphics 2 and 3 of post mold/hearth features and village, charred wood, grassing needle</p>	Supporting Artifacts:
Subsistence (food)	<p>The Wichita hunted bison and grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash, in gardens.</p> <p>Supporting Artifacts: arrow point, scraper, scapula hoe blade, Graphics 1 (woman using bison scapula hoe) and 3 (garden in a village)</p>	Supporting Artifacts:
Clothing	<p>The Wichita used animal hides for clothing. They tanned the hides and decorated them with ornaments, such as animal teeth.</p> <p>Supporting Artifacts: scraper, tooth pendant</p>	Supporting Artifacts:
Education	<p>The Wichita used stories to teach children how they should behave and the values that were important to the culture.</p> <p>Supporting Artifacts: none, but ethnographers recorded many stories.</p>	Supporting Artifacts: