



CULTURES OF THE WORLD
KAZAKHS - MONGOLIA
LESSON 2 - PEOPLE



Pupil:
11 - 15 years old



Time:
45 minutes



What do you need:
pen, coloured pencils, smart-
phone, headphones, internet



Working method:
individual, in pairs
or in class

1. Population

Most inhabitants of Mongolia live in the capital, **Ulaanbaatar**. The Kazakhs mainly live in the **Altai Mountains**. About 3,200,000 people live in Mongolia. 96% are Mongolian and 4% are Kazakhs, also known as eagle hunters. Calculate how many people belong to the Kazakh culture.

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2. Photo gallery

Take a look at the images below or on the website. Scan the photos with the Jimmy Nelson app and watch the videos. To keep an eagle calm they cover the eyes with a kind of hat. What is the name of the hat and where does this name originate from?

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SCAN THE IMAGES



3. Facts

Take a look at the map and fill in the blanks

- Kazakhs have been using to hunt with for centuries. They are also called **eagle hunters**.
- Kazakhs make from the skin of the animals they hunt. So they wear fur and felt which they decorate with bones and feathers.
- The more **eagle feathers** a hunter wears on his hat, the more acknowledged he is for his
- The only way to survive the harsh winters is to wear clothes made of The hairs of these animals are hollow, trapping warm air creating a natural **layer of insulation**.
- In the old days, only could become eagle hunters. Today there are also some women eagle hunters.

What have you discovered about the Kazakhs?

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What subjects would you like to know more about?

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4. Clothing

Take a closer look at the photos and videos. What is unusual in what you see? Describe how a Kazakh looks like in winter.

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In summer they also wear a hat and some light full-body clothing. Do you know why? (Remember lesson 1)

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5. Hunting

Most Kazakhs live far away from a village or city. Therefore they cannot buy clothes or food but have to make them themselves from the animals that they hunt otherwise they cannot survive there. Everything of an animal is used. From a bone, you can make cutlery, from the fur a coat, trousers, gloves or a hat and the meat is for eating. What do you think about Kazakhs hunting and wearing **fur**?

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6. Wisdom

There's a saying in Mongolia:

"Staying warm is worth more than a thousand gold coins."

Legend has it that 500 years ago two nomads on horseback had to shelter from a heavy sandstorm and ended up at a ger. Both had a bag full of a thousand gold coins. There was little space in the small ger and to fit inside the warm ger they had to leave the money bags outside. One of the nomads left his belongings in front of the tent and quickly warmed himself by the campfire. The other one did not dare to leave his money bag behind and stayed outside to guard his goods. The next day the nomad came out of the warm tent and found his stingy friend frozen to death next to the bag of gold coins. Explain in your own words the message of this wisdom.

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