

**The California Community Colleges
CCL-EAR Committee
Mini-Review
CultureGrams
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The CCL-EAR Committee finds that the content of *CultureGrams* overlaps significantly with *CountryWatch*. Since all California community colleges already have access to *CountryWatch* for free, we are doubtful that many will choose to subscribe to *CultureGrams* as well. In addition, we do not find significant added value in the online version that justifies its substantially higher cost over the print edition. The additional features offered in the online version are either very superficial (e.g., famous people), or freely available on the web (e.g., recipes, currency converter). It should be noted that the Committee did not look over the Kids or States editions as we believe these would not be relevant for our students.