



# AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Unit 3: Culture

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# REVIEW



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# VOCAB NO. 1

**Culture:** Shared experience, traits, + activities of a group w/ common heritage

**Cultural landscape:** Influence of culture on our surroundings through symbols, clothing, art, etc.

**Syncretism:** Blending of 2+ cultural influences

**Ethnic enclave:** An ethnic group is distinct from the majority group.

**Multiculturalism:** More than one culture in a society

**Nativism:** Anti-immigration

**Diaspora:** Dispersion of people from homeland

**Sequent occupancy:** Succession of societies leaving their cultural "footprint" on a place

**Syncretism:** Two cultures blend and form a new one

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## VOCAB NO. 2

**Cultural convergence/divergence:** Cultures become more/less similar

**Secular:** Non-religious

**Fuzzy border:** Border where it's hard to tell where one cultural region ends and another begins

**Ethnocentrism:** Belief that one's nation/ethnic group is superior to others

**Cultural relativism:** Seeking to understand and not judge other cultures

**Acculturation:** Adapting to a new culture while still keeping aspects of one's original culture

**Assimilation:** Majority culture completely overtakes one's original culture

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# ARCHITECTURE STYLES

Christian: Pillars, central steeple,  
churches, and cathedrals

Hindu: Rectangular, temples/shrines

Buddhist: Temples/shrines with winged  
roofs, lion statues

Islamic: Domes, mosques, minarets,  
Arabic text

Judaic: Synagogues, domes

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# DIFFUSION

**Diffusion:** Movement of a feature/trend  
between places over time

TYPES:

**Relocation:** People migrate and bring  
their culture with them

**Expansion:** Cultural traits remain strong at their  
hearth and also spread outward

**Contagious:** Continuous, rapid spread outward  
from the hearth (origin) through  
contact with people

**Hierarchical diffusion:** Spread from higher to  
lower class

**Reverse-hierarchical diffusion:** Spread from  
lower to higher class

**Stimulus:** Altering ideas to fit a new culture  
while still keeping some aspects the same

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# CAUSES OF DIFFUSION

**Trade:** Interconnectedness arises and ideas spread through trade routes like Renaissance Italy with Arab world

**Colonialism:** Conflict, imposition of culture, and migration lead to the spread of culture

**Technology:** Social media and online content allows for quick and easy spread of culture

**Globalization:** As people become more connected, ideas spread across the globe



# LANGUAGES

**Monolingual:** Knowing one language

**Multilingual:** Knowing more than one language

**Pidgin:** Simplified form of communication with limited grammar when 2 different languages meet continuously

**Creole:** 2 different languages mix and develop a formal structure + vocab

**Lingua franca:** A language used as a common means of communication

**Official language:** Language of the government

**Folk culture:** Traditional, rural culture that openly resists pop culture

**Pop culture:** Urban, modern culture that spreads rapidly through media



# RELIGION

**Christianity** started in the Middle East and is now popular in Europe, the Americas, and Africa. Major branches are Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox.

**Islam** started in Arabia and is now popular in the Middle East, North Africa, and parts of Asia. Major types are Sunni and Shia.

**Hinduism** started in India and is still popular there and in Nepal and Bali. There are several sects/denominations of Hinduism.

**Buddhism** started in India and is now popular in East and Southeast Asia. Major branches are Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana.

**Judaism** started in the Middle East and is practiced mainly in Israel, the US, and Europe. Major types are Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform.





# RELIGION NO. 2

**Universalizing religion:** Religions that

have spread beyond their hearth

- Christianity, Islam, Buddhism

**Ethnic religion:** Religions that mainly

stayed strong at their hearth

- Judaism, Hinduism

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