

CONCEPTS OF CULTURE

DIRECTIONS: On the document provided, write the definition for the vocabulary terms in the top portion of the circle. In the bottom portion, answer the question or follow the prompt to demonstrate your understanding of cultural concepts.

CULTURE

Culture is the way of life of a group of people who share similar traits, including beliefs, customs, technology, and material items.

MATERIAL CULTURE

The physical evidence of a culture in the artifacts, resources, and architecture spaces that people use to define their way of life. This can include food, clothing, housewares, and instruments.



Draw an example of Material Culture under your definition.

NON-MATERIAL CULTURE

The abstract (or non-physical) ideas that people have about their culture, including beliefs, values, rules, norms, morals, language, organizations, and institutions.



Provide an Example of Non Material Culture that you partake in throughout your normal day to day activities.

FOLK CULTURE

Folk culture is the unifying components of everyday life that are practiced by local, tradition-bound groups. It preserves the way a group lives, learns, communicates and interprets the world surrounding them.



Many holidays originate from folk customs and traditions. List as many examples of these holidays you can think of.

POP CULTURE

Pop culture is the ideas, perspective, attitudes and images that are considered within the mainstream of a society. It is usually aided by mass media (newspapers, television, Internet, etc.) in influencing people within a large group.



Draw examples of books, movies, music that you like that could be considered "pop" culture.

CULTURAL REGION

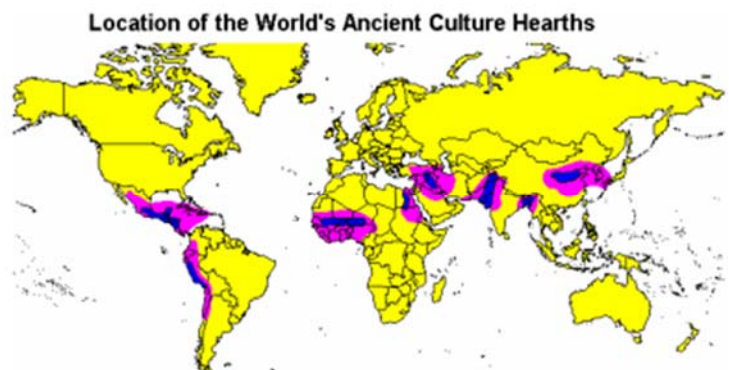
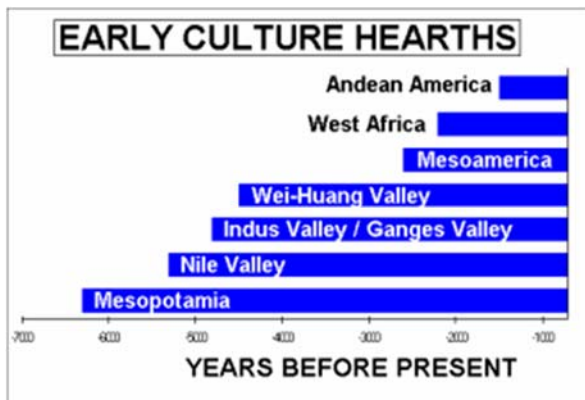
A cultural region is a geographic area that is inhabited by people who have one or more cultural traits in common, such as language, religion, or customs and traditions. The borders of these cultural regions will run along the differences in traits since people of the same group tend to cluster together.



Think about all of the different foods you eat. Write down a few examples of foods that you enjoy that are from a different cultural region.

CULTURAL HEARTH

A cultural hearth is a center where cultures developed and from which ideas and traditions spread outward. Cultural hearths have origins in one of a few areas, the main locations from which the most dominant cultural ideas like religion, use of tools, and development of agriculture have spread.



Which of the following cultural hearths is the oldest?