

Chapter 3 Section 1

Population and Culture

Name _____

Class Period ____ Assignment #

Directions: Use page 87-98 in your textbook to answer the following questions.

1. List five different topics studied in Human geography.

2. Define the following (Hint: not all of the words are bold, but are found in the text in order)

a. demography-	b. culture-	c. population density-
d. arable land-	e. birthrate-	f. deathrate-
g. immigrants-	h. emigrants-	i. urbanization-
j. rural-	k. material culture-	l. nonmaterial culture-
m. cultural hearth-	n. cultural landscape-	o. social class-
p. cultural convergence-	q. diffusion	r. cultural divergence-

3. Complete the following chart by listing 3 characteristics in each box:

Why People Live Where They Do	
Types of places people tend NOT to live	Types of places people tend to live

4. "People have always _____ their way of life in response to the surrounding _____."
5. List 3 ways humans have altered their environment.
6. How can determining population density using the total land area be misleading compared to using arable land?
7. List a positive and negative effect of rapid population growth.
8. What must occur for there to be "zero population growth" in a country?
9. In many developing countries, _____ are high, while _____ have fallen. This leads to an increase in population.
10. What four regions have the densest concentrations of population?
11. Examine the graph on page 90. List the cities that are projected to have over 20 million people in 2015.
12. List some examples of cultural traits.
13. What is the difference between material and nonmaterial culture?
14. Why is language an important aspect of culture?
15. What type of issues are answered through religion?
16. How are cultural landscapes different from and similar to each other?
17. What is the most important unit of social organization?
18. What is social mobility?
19. Give an example of discrimination against women or minorities.
20. List two ways cultures change over time.
21. What are two ways cultures diffuse from one place or group to another?
22. Define "acculturation."
23. How have some governments tried to stop the spread of cultural?

Special Purpose Maps

Use the special purpose maps on Population Density (pp. 88-89), Major Language Families (pp. 92-93) and Major Religions (pp. 94-95) to answer the following questions.

(HINT: If the question asks for the name of a country and you don't know the names of countries, you will need to look on another map to find the name of a country)

Population Density

1. What color represents the highest population density?
What number does that color represent per square mile?
2. Describe three places that have the highest population density.
3. Number the following countries in order of population density. 1=highest, 4=lowest
_____ United States _____ Brazil _____ India _____ Australia
4. Describe four places that have the lowest population density.
5. Why do you think those places have such a low population density?
6. List 10 cities that have populations of over 10,000,000.

Major Language Families

7. Madagascar shares a common language family with what other country(ies)?
8. What are the two predominant language families in Africa?
9. List four countries that have at least two dominant language families spoken within their borders.
10. What do you think could be an advantage and disadvantage of having different languages spoken in a country?

Major Religions

11. On which four *continents* is Christianity the most widespread religion?
12. What part of Europe tends to be Protestant?
13. Which religion does it appear the Europeans introduced in the colonies they established in Middle and South America?
14. Which religion appears to have spread from the Middle East to North Africa, Central Asia, and Indonesia?
15. Name two Asian countries in which Hinduism is the major religion?
16. What is the only country in Asia that is predominantly Christian?
17. Name three countries that are predominantly Buddhist.
18. What is the only country in the world where Judaism is practiced by the majority of its citizens?
19. Name three countries that are predominantly Eastern Christian Churches.
20. Based on area, what seems to be the most popular major religion in the world today?