

Unit 3 Cultural Patterns and Processes

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Definition	Question(s)
acculturation - cultural modification of an individual, group, or people by adapting to or borrowing traits from another culture	How would changing one's last name be an example?
assimilation - the process in which a minority group or culture comes to assemble the dominant cultures values, behaviors, and beliefs.	What cultures have been assimilated into an <i>American</i> culture?
centrifugal force - forces that pull people apart	List three examples.
centripetal force - forces that bring people together	List three examples.
colonialism - control by one power over a dependent area or people; occurs when one nation subjugates another, conquering its population and exploiting it, often while forcing its own language and cultural values upon its people.	Give three historical examples.
contagious diffusion - the distance-controlled spreading of an idea, innovation, or some other item through a local population by contact from person to person.	Give three examples.
creolized language - language that results from the mixing of a colonizer's language with the indigenous language of the people being dominated.	Give two examples.
cultural convergence - the tendency for cultures to become more alike as they increasingly share technology and organizational structure in a modern world united by improved transportation and communication.	Explain how cultural convergence is different from cultural divergence.
cultural divergence - the likelihood or tendency for culture to become increasingly dissimilar with the passage of time.	Explain how the Amish in the USA would be an example of divergence.
cultural hearth - heartland source area, innovation center; place of origin of a major culture. What are three ancient cultural hearths?	What are three modern cultural hearths?
cultural landscape - the artificial landscape; the visible human imprint on the land.	Give three examples.
cultural relativism - the idea that a person's beliefs, values, and practices should be understood based on that person's own culture , rather than be judged against the criteria of another.	Discuss how the Padong long neck women would be an example.
culture - a total way of life held in common by a group of people, including such learned features as speech, ideology, behavior; livelihood, technology, and government; or the local, customary way of doing things- a way of life; an ever-changing process in which a group is actively engaged; a dynamic mix of symbols, beliefs, speech, and practices.	How would you describe American culture?
culture trait - a single element of normal practice in a culture.	List five cultural traits you exhibit.
ethnic neighborhood - a voluntary community where people of like origin reside by choice. What is one ethnic neighborhood in Memphis?	What are three different ethnic neighborhoods in Los Angeles, California?
ethnic religion - a religion identified with a particular ethnic or tribal group; does not typically seek to converts. What are three ethnic religions?	Explain how ethnic religions are different from universal religions.
ethnicity - affiliation or identify within a group of people bound by common ancestry and culture. What is the largest ethnic group in the United States?	What are the main ethnic groups found in the United States?
ethnocentrism - the attitude that one's own race and culture are superior to others.	Describe a historical example of ethnocentrism.
expansion diffusion - the spread of ideas, behaviors, or other culture traits from one place to another through direct or indirect contact and exchange of information; the diffusion increases the number of people or cultural groups practicing the trait while leaving the trait intact or intensified in its area of origin.	Explain how the internet has impacted the spread of culture.

