

## Chapter Nine: Cultural Regions Notes

Chapter Nine: Cultural Regions Vocabulary	
Cultural Region	Functional Region
Perceptual Region	Middle East
Suez Canal	Latin America
Panama Canal	Sub-Saharan Africa
Oceania	

1. What is a region?

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2. What is a formal region? List some examples.

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3. What is a functional region? List some examples.

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4. What is a perceptual region? List some examples.

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5. What is a cultural region? List some examples.

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6. How do formal, functional, perceptual, and cultural regions differ from one another?

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7. What is Texas considered a cultural region?

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## CHAPTER STUDY CARDS

### Types of Regions

- ★ **Cultural Regions** are based on common cultural characteristics, such as language, religious beliefs, customs, and art forms.
- ★ **Formal Regions.** Have a common human or physical characteristic and clear boundaries.
- ★ **Functional Regions.** Based on a function they serve, such as an area of connected rivers that serves as a drainage basin.
- ★ **Perceptual Regions.** Based on people's feelings about an area.
  - Big Apple
  - Deep South
  - Dixie
  - Midwest

### World Cultural Regions (1 of 3)

- ★ **Middle East.** This is both a physical and cultural region; mostly Islamic and Arabic.
- ★ **Latin America.** Mexico, Central America, West Indies, and South America; most people speak Spanish or Portuguese; mainly follow the Catholic religion.
- ★ **Sub-Saharan Africa.** Many different ethnic groups with animistic, Christian, and Islamic religions; many affected by the slave trade or European colonization.
- ★ **North America.** Consists of Canada and the United States; strongly influenced by Europe.


### World Cultural Regions (2 of 3)

- ★ **Europe.** Superior technology from 1500 to 1900; high standards of living; mainly Christian; many ethnic groups.
- ★ **China.** Most populous country; isolated from other cultures by physical barriers; united by written language (characters) and an all-powerful emperor; today, ruled by Communist Party. Becoming an economic power.
- ★ **Russia.** Separated from rest of Europe by vast distances; influenced by Orthodox Christianity, Mongol conquests from Central Asia, absolute power of Tsars, and experiences under Communist rule.


### World Cultural Regions (3 of 3)

- ★ **South Asia.** India, because of the Himalayan Mountains, developed its own separate language, customs, and culture. India is the world's second most populous country; the area was once colonized by Britain; independence was granted in 1947: Today, India is Hindu and Pakistan and Bangladesh are Muslim.
- ★ **Southeast Asia.** Peninsular and island nations subject to many influences — China, India, Arabia, and Europe.
- ★ **Australia.** Small, dry continent colonized by the British; life-styles similar to those of the United States and Europe.


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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>North America</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
<b>Culture / Customs:</b>		
<b>Economics / Trade:</b>		


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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Latin America</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Europe</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Commonwealth of Independent States</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
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<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
<b>Culture / Customs:</b>		
<b>Economics / Trade:</b>		

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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
<b>Culture / Customs:</b>		
<b>Economics / Trade:</b>		




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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>East Asia</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
<b>Culture / Customs:</b>		
<b>Economics / Trade:</b>		


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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>South Asia</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Major Countries:</b>		
<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
<b>Culture / Customs:</b>		
<b>Economics / Trade:</b>		

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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Southeast Asia</b>	
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<b>Cultural Region:</b>	<b>Australia &amp; Oceania</b>	
<b>History:</b>		
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<b>Major Cities:</b>		
<b>Regions:</b>		
<b>Major Languages:</b>		
<b>Major Governments:</b>		
<b>Major Religions:</b>		
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