

Earth's Human and Cultural Geography

The Influences of Human Migration



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Migration

- When humans move from one place to another, it is called **migration**
- **Immigrants** are people who leave one country and move to another



» For centuries, hundreds of thousands of people have migrated to the United States



“Push – Pull” Theory

- Demographers use the “push – pull” theory to explain immigration.
 - » Discuss with your table group what you think the “push – pull” theory is referring to
- People often migrate because certain things “push” them to leave. Some push factors may be...



- ✓ The economy
- ✓ War
- ✓ Government



“Push – Pull” Theory

- People often migrate because certain things “pull” them to leave. Some pull factors may be...
 - ✓ Hope for better living conditions
 - ✓ Freedom



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Culture and Cultural Institutions



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Culture: A Total Way of Life

- If you met students from Japan, you might have many questions for them...
 - » What do you eat for lunch?
 - » How much homework do you have?
 - » What kind of music do you like?
- The answers to these questions would tell you something about the culture of Japan.



Culture

- **Culture** is the way of life of a group of people who share similar beliefs and customs
 - What do you think are some aspects of culture?

- ✓ Language
- ✓ Dress
- ✓ Schooling



Culture

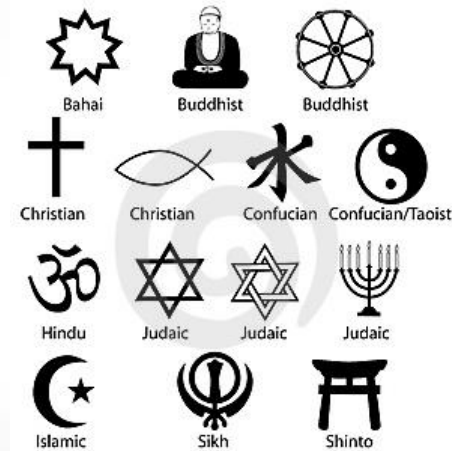
- Culture can also include:

- ✓ Work that people do
- ✓ Behaviors
- ✓ Beliefs
- ✓ Creative Expressions



- Nearly all cultures have similar institutions or important practices

- ✓ Government
- ✓ Economic
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Religion
- ✓ Family



Language and Culture

- Every culture is based on language
 - Open your text book to page 49 and read the section on Language and Culture with your neighbor

