

AP Human Geography Lesson Plan
HG 3.1: Introduction to Culture

Part 1: Use the video [“How culture, food, unity will be showcased at Cleveland Asian Festival”](#) to complete the following:

1. Identify two elements of Asian culture that would be found at the festival.

Answers may vary. Two elements of Asian culture that would be found at the festival are Asian music and Asian cuisine.

2. Is the festival intended to promote ethnocentrism or cultural relativism? Explain your answer.

The festival is intended to promote cultural relativism because it increases awareness of Asian culture. It also combats ethnocentrism and broadening horizons by educating people about Asian culture.

Part 2: Use this [map of firearm ownership in the United States](#) to complete the following:

3. Identify two trends you see in this map.

Answers may vary. States in the Northeast tend to have the lowest household firearm ownership rate. Both the South and the West have the highest household firearm ownership rates. States with high rural population tend to have higher rates of firearm ownership.

4. Identify one cultural explanation for states with high rates of firearm ownership.

Answers may vary. One cultural explanation is that in the South, traditions of hunting permeate through to today and lead to higher rates of gun ownership.

5. Identify one social explanation for states with low rates of firearm ownership.

Answers may vary. States with low gun ownership tend to be more urban than those with higher rates of gun ownership. Gun ownership in urban areas may be less socially acceptable than in rural areas.

Part 3: Use this [regional map of the United States](#) to complete the following:

6. Choose two regions and identify one way in which food reflects the different cultures found there.

Answers may vary. The South has its own distinctive cuisine, using plants such as okra that are native to the area, or food such as grits which are not typical in other regions. The Plains states (in Yellow) would emphasize beef consumption because so much beef production takes place there.

7. Choose two regions and identify one way in which architecture reflects the different cultures found there.

Answers may vary. In regions such as the southwest, Spanish Colonial (or mission) architecture is very popular, a reflection of the Spanish colonization of those areas. Along the East coast colonial architecture is dominant which reflects the original colonies built there.

8. Identify two other ways in which culture changes from region to region.

Answers may vary. Culture changes from region to region can be observed through changes in accent and different dancing styles/music.

9. Identify one way in which you agree with the regions shown on this map, and one in which you disagree.

Answers will vary. The yellow region in the Great Plains makes sense because they have a common geography and are largely rural. The boundaries around the South also are good because they have common cuisine and are largely Baptist. Texas should not be its own region, but should be a part of the Great Plains.