

# Basic Terms for Human Geography

**Geography** - study of the physical and human phenomena of the earth's surface.

**Human Geography** - The spatial analysis of human population, cultures, activities, and landscapes. **Geographic Question** - (where & why, what does it mean?)

**Culture** - The sum total of the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior patterns shared by members of a society. Folk Culture is found in small groups, Popular Culture in large groups.

**Cultural Geography** - The study of customs, food, clothing, music, architecture, traditions, religions, and languages of the world, its spatial distribution and the causes of this distribution (where & why they are where they are)

**Cultural Landscape** - The visible imprint of human activity and culture on the landscape.

**Globalization** - The increasing interconnectedness of different parts of the world through economic, environmental, political, technological, and cultural change.

**Economic Geography** - study of the location, distribution and spatial organization of economic activities across the world (where & why of industry)

**Sustainable Development** – The development and use of resources so as to have minimal long-term effects on the environment, and so that future generations will have access to them.

**Diffusion** – The process by which a characteristic spreads across space

**Space-Time Compression** – Reduction in time for something to reach another place

**Distribution** – The arrangement of a feature in space (density, concentration, pattern)

**Site** – Physical character of a place; **Situation** – Location of a place relative to other places

## Our Themes in AP Human Geography:

Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives

Population & Migration

Cultural Patterns and Processes

Political Organization of Space

Agriculture and Rural Land Use

Industrialization and Economic Development

Cities, Urban Land Use & Services

Resource Issues & Sustainability

**Cultural Geography**

**Economic Geography**

5 Themes of Geography: Location, Place, Movement, Human-Environment Interaction, Region