



The World's People

SECTION 1

Reading the Section • As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

1. a. Another term for culture is ethnic group.
b. Culture is a learned system of shared beliefs and ways of doing things that guide daily behavior.
2. a. Race is based on inherited physical or biological traits.
b. Race is based on such things as language and religion.
3. a. Cultures change over time.
b. Cultures always stay the same.
4. a. Diffusion refers to the tendency of cultures to resist change.
b. Diffusion refers to the spread of one culture's ways to another culture.
5. a. Two important factors influencing the way people meet basic needs are their history and environment.
b. Two important factors influencing how people meet basic needs are race and religion.
6. a. American cities are oriented to the four compass points.
b. American cities often follow a rectangular grid plan.
7. a. A domesticated species can never be tamed by humans.
b. A domesticated species has changed so much that it depends on humans to survive.
8. a. A civilization is a highly complex culture.
b. The term *civilization* refers to a very simple culture.

Post-Reading Quick Check • After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain how symbols contribute to cultural differences.
