

Regions Shape Life

Read how land and resources shaped American Indian cultural regions.

4.1.C “describe the cultural regions in which American Indians lived such as Gulf, Plains, Puebloan, and Southeastern; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each cultural region name, then circle one detail that shows how people used the land or resources there.

Land, Water, and Ways of Life

- ① American Indian communities shaped their lives around the land and water near them. In the Gulf region, people lived along the Gulf Coast and used bays, rivers, and the sea. They caught fish and shellfish and gathered plants. On the Plains, wide grasslands supported huge bison herds. Many Plains groups followed bison and used their hides for shelter and clothing.
- ② In the Puebloan region of the Southwest, dry land led many communities to farm where water was available. They grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash. Puebloan people built sturdy homes from stone or adobe, a sun-dried earth material. In the Southeastern region, forests and rich soil supported farming villages. People raised crops, hunted, fished, and used wood from forests.
- ③ These regions were not exactly the same for every community. Still, the climate, land, plants, and animals gave people useful resources. A family near coastal water could rely on seafood, while a group on grasslands could rely on bison. Comparing regions helps historians describe how American Indians adapted their homes, food, and daily work to different places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Describe the Gulf region using one location detail and one resource detail from the passage.

- 2 How did the grasslands shape life for many Plains groups?

- 3 What were two ways Puebloan people adapted to the Southwest?

- 4 How was the Southeastern region different from the Puebloan region? Use details about the land or resources.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose two cultural regions from the passage. Write 3 or 4 sentences explaining how the land or resources in each region shaped people's lives, then tell one similarity or difference between the regions.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each cultural region name, then circle one detail that shows how people used the land or resources there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Describe the Gulf region using one location detail and one resource detail from the passage.	The Gulf region was along the Gulf Coast, with bays, rivers, and the sea. People used fish, shellfish, and plants.
2	How did the grasslands shape life for many Plains groups?	The grasslands supported bison herds. Many Plains groups followed bison and used hides for shelter and clothing.
3	What were two ways Puebloan people adapted to the Southwest?	They farmed where water was available and grew corn, beans, and squash. They built homes from stone or adobe.
4	How was the Southeastern region different from the Puebloan region? Use details about the land or resources.	The Southeastern region had forests and rich soil, while the Puebloan region had dry land. Southeastern people used wood from forests, while Puebloan people built with stone or adobe and farmed where water was available.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In the Gulf region, people could catch fish and shellfish from coastal waters. On the Plains, many groups followed bison across grasslands and used hides for shelter. Both groups used nearby resources, but the Gulf region had water resources and the Plains had bison herds.

Accept equivalent descriptions that connect each region to its land, water, plants, animals, homes, food, or work. For Your Turn, accept any accurate comparison of two regions supported by passage details.