

Coffee Crosses Cultures

Trace how a shared drink changed daily life and societies.

6.15.D "identify the impact of cultural diffusion on individuals and world societies."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show an impact on individuals and circle three details that show an impact on a society so you can compare personal and wider effects.

A Drink on the Move

- ① Centuries ago, coffee plants grew in Ethiopia, in eastern Africa. Traders carried coffee beans across the Red Sea to Yemen, where people developed ways to roast and brew them. From Yemen, coffee drinking spread through trade to cities in the Ottoman Empire. Coffeehouses became places where people met, talked, listened to stories, and shared news. The drink did not replace every local custom, but it gave many individuals a new daily choice and a new place to gather.
- ② In the 1600s, merchants and travelers helped coffee reach parts of Europe. Coffeehouses opened in cities such as London and Paris. Some people chose coffee instead of beer or wine during the day, although families kept many older food traditions. Demand for beans connected European consumers to farmers and traders in Africa, Arabia, and later the Americas. As coffee became a valuable trade good, governments collected taxes and businesses grew. Cultural diffusion changed work, trade, and social routines in several societies.
- ③ Today, people in many countries prepare coffee in local ways, from strong Turkish coffee to sweet Vietnamese iced coffee. These versions show that cultural diffusion is not simple copying. Communities adapt a shared item to fit their tastes, climate, and traditions. The spread of coffee also has mixed effects. It can create jobs and bring people together, yet farmers may earn little when world prices fall. Looking at both personal choices and wider changes helps explain cultural diffusion's impact.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Explain how trade caused coffee to move from Ethiopia to cities in the Ottoman Empire.

2 What is one way coffee changed an individual's routine or choice?

3 How did coffee's spread affect European societies besides changing what people drank?

4 Why does paragraph 3 say cultural diffusion is not simple copying?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a food, game, music style, invention, or custom that moved from one culture or place into your community. In 5 to 6 sentences, name where it came from, explain how it spread, and describe one impact on individuals, one impact on society, and one benefit or challenge.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show an impact on individuals and circle three details that show an impact on a society so you can compare personal and wider effects. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Explain how trade caused coffee to move from Ethiopia to cities in the Ottoman Empire.	Traders carried coffee beans from Ethiopia across the Red Sea to Yemen. Coffee drinking then spread through trade to Ottoman cities.
2	What is one way coffee changed an individual's routine or choice?	It gave people a new daily drink choice and a new place to gather. In Europe, some people chose coffee instead of beer or wine during the day.
3	How did coffee's spread affect European societies besides changing what people drank?	Demand connected consumers with farmers and traders in several regions. Coffee became a valuable trade good, so governments collected taxes and businesses grew.
4	Why does paragraph 3 say cultural diffusion is not simple copying?	Communities adapt shared items to fit their own tastes, climate, and traditions. Turkish coffee and Vietnamese iced coffee are different local versions of coffee.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Modern soccer was codified in England and spread around the world through British influence, trade, and migration. In my community, children learn it through school teams and local clubs. Individual players can gain exercise, skills, and friendships. The sport brings families together at games and supports local leagues. A benefit is that people with different backgrounds can play together. A challenge is that fees and equipment can keep some children from joining.

Accept other accurate passage-based details that distinguish an effect on an individual from an effect on a wider society. For the open response, accept a reasonable cultural-diffusion example with a source, pathway, individual impact, societal impact, and benefit or challenge.