Unit 3 Cheat Sheet: Cultural Patterns and Processes

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The big idea: Unit 3 traces each cultural trait through three steps. What are they, and what is the spread called?

How to use it: Fill in every box from memory before you look anything up. Then check your answers against the full cheat sheet and star anything you missed. Those are your review targets.

KEY TERMS

Culture, folk and popular (Topic 3.1)

Cultural trait	
Folk culture	
Popular culture	
Hearth	
Taboo	
Ethnocentrism	
Cultural relativism	

Cultural landscapes (Topic 3.2)

Cultural landscape	
Sequent occupance	
Sacred space	
Uniform landscape	

Cultural patterns and sense of place (Topic 3.3)

Sense of place	
Placemaking	
Ethnic enclave	
Toponym	
Centripetal force	
Centrifugal force	

Why culture spreads, then and now (Topics 3.5 and 3.6)

Colonialism	
Imperialism	
Lingua franca	
Creolization	
Time-space convergence	
Cultural convergence	

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Why culture spreads, then and now (Topics 3.5 and 3.6, continued)

Cultural divergence

Language loss

Diffusion of religion and language (Topic 3.7)

Universalizing religion

Ethnic religion

Language family

Language branch

Diffusion of religion and language (Topic 3.7, continued)

Dialect

Isogloss

Effects of diffusion (Topic 3.8)

Acculturation

Assimilation

Syncretism

Multiculturalism

TYPES OF DIFFUSION (TOPIC 3.4): DID THE PEOPLE MOVE, OR JUST THE IDEA?

TYPE	PEOPLE OR IDEA?	HOW IT SPREADS	EXAMPLE
Relocation			
Contagious			
Hierarchical			
Reverse hierarchical			
Stimulus			

DON'T CONFUSE THESE

Relocation vs. expansion

Hierarchical vs. contagious

Stimulus diffusion vs. syncretism

Acculturation vs. assimilation	
Ethnic vs. universalizing religion	
Pidgin vs. creole	

EXAMPLES TO KNOW COLD

New Orleans in layers	
Little Havana, Miami	
How English went global	
Christianity's path	
Buddhism's path	

FRQ: HOW UNIT 3 SHOWS UP

PROMPT SAYS	WHAT TO DO
Identify	
Define	
Describe	
Explain	
Compare	
Explain the degree to which	

Likely Unit 3 FRQ angles

- Explain how a religion or language diffused.
- Describe a data trend; use both tables when asked.
- Describe how contagious and hierarchical diffusion differ (naming both is not enough).
- Explain how migration spreads culture traits (relocation, ethnic enclaves).
- Explain how time-space compression speeds up diffusion.
- Explain the degree to which global popular culture threatens local cultures (convergence vs. divergence).

> **FRQ rules:** Use the three-step move from the big idea on page 1, with a real example. Write in complete sentences; if a part asks for one example, only your first one is scored.

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