

World Geography	
Chapter 4	Vocabulary- modified
word	definition
culture	the total of knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors shared by and passed on by members of a group
society	
ethnic group	
innovation	taking existing elements of society and creating something new to meet a need.
diffusion	
cultural hearth	the heartland or place of origin of a major culture
acculturation	the cultural change that occurs when individuals in a society accept or adopt an innovation
dialect	a version of a language that reflects changes in speech patterns due to class, region, or cultural changes
religion	
birthrate	the number of live births per total population, often expressed per thousand population
fertility rate	
mortality rate	the number of deaths per thousand
infant mortality rate	
rate of natural increase	
population pyramid	a graphic device that shows gender and age distribution of a population

push-pull factors	
population density	
carrying capacity	the number of organisms a piece of land can support without negative effects
state	
nation	a group of people with a common culture living in a territory and having a strong sense of unity
nation-state	the name of a territory when a nation and a state occupy the same territory
democracy	
monarchy	
dictatorship	a type of government in which an individual or a group holds complete political power
socialism	
communism	a system in which the government holds nearly all political power and the means of production
landlocked	
urban geography	
city	an area that is the center of business and culture and has a large population
suburb	a political unit or community touching the borders of the central city or touching other suburbs of the city
metropolitan area	

urbanization	
central business district (CBD)	