



# Human Geography

GEO 106

*Week 1: Introduction to Human Geography*

## Introduction to Human Geography

### I. WHAT IS CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY?

#### A. Four Traditions

1. *Physical*
2. *Man – Land*
3. *Spatial*
4. *Regional*



## ELEMENTS OF GEOGRAPHY

### PHYSICAL

- Rocks
- Landforms
- Soil
- Flora (Vegetation)
- Fauna (Wildlife)
- Climate
- Water
- Minerals
- Etc....*

### CULTURAL

- Population
- Settlements
- Economic Activity
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Language
- Political Systems
- Traditions
- Etc....*



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'Elements' illustrate Geography's *Holistic* nature





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## II. THEMES IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

- A. **Cultural Region:** area occupied by people that have shared cultural aspects.
- B. **Cultural Diffusion:** spread of cultural elements from 'source' over an area.
- C. **Cultural Ecology:** *interrelationships* between the environment and people as culture-bearers.
- D. **Culture Integration:** *interrelationships* between elements within a culture.
- E. **Cultural Landscape:** man-made landscape: visible imprint of human beings on the land.



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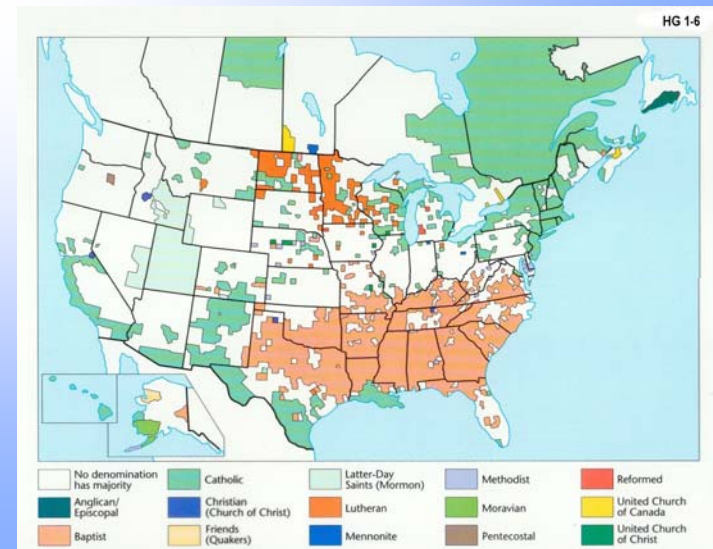
## II. THEMES IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

### A. Cultural Region ( 3 types)

- Regional Studies vs. Cultural Region



## Surface Regions of Anglo-America

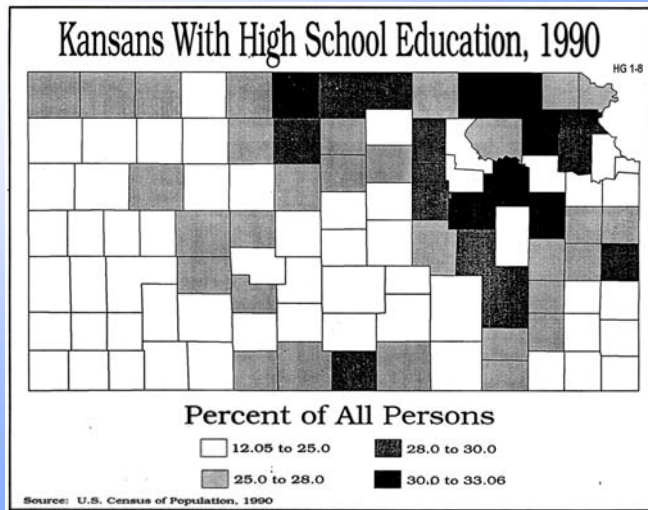
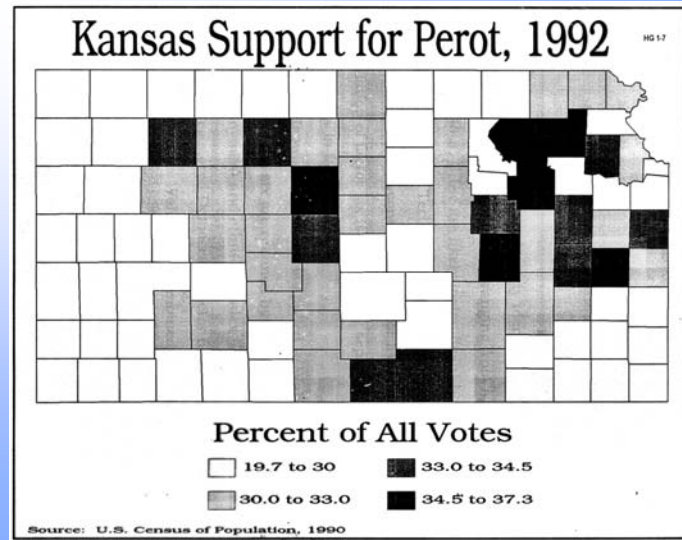


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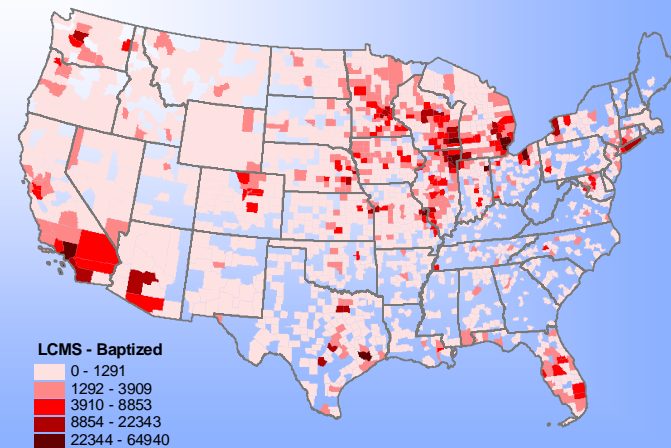
## II. THEMES IN CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

### A. Cultural Region ( 3 types)

#### 1. Formal



### 2001 Lutheran Membership by County



## Formal Regions: Traits of 'European' Core Areas



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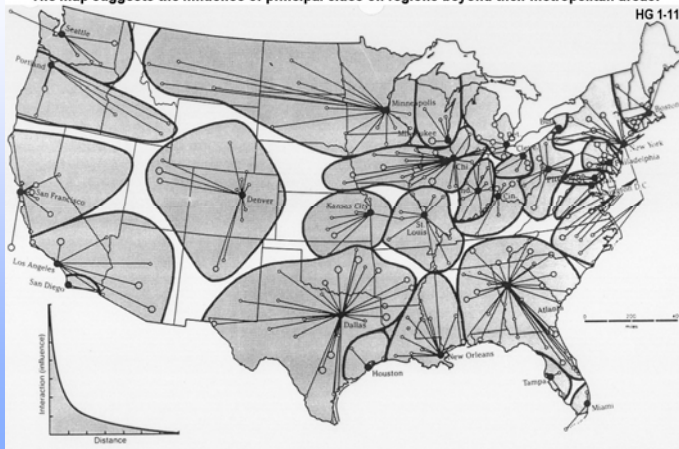
### A. Cultural Region (3 types)

1. Formal
2. Functional / Nodal



## Functional Regions

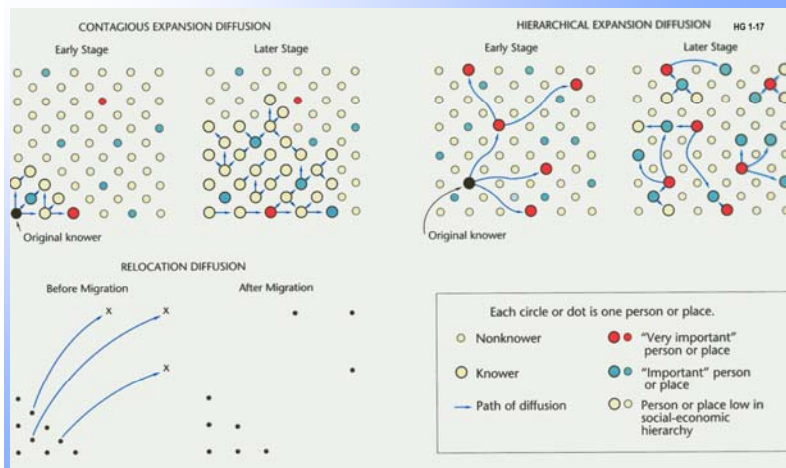
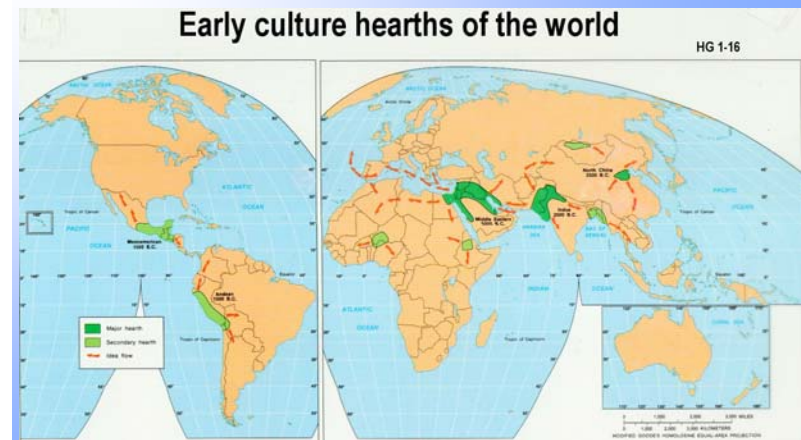
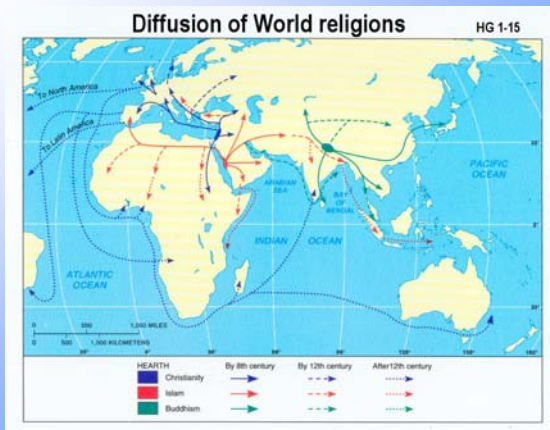
Influence zones based on correspondent banking linkages between major and lower-order centers. The map suggests the influence of principal cities on regions beyond their metropolitan areas.



## Formal vs Functional Regions







## Human Migration



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## III. CULTURAL ECOLOGY

- A. Environmental Determinism
- B. Possibilism
- C. Environmental Perception
- D. Humans as Modifiers of the Earth



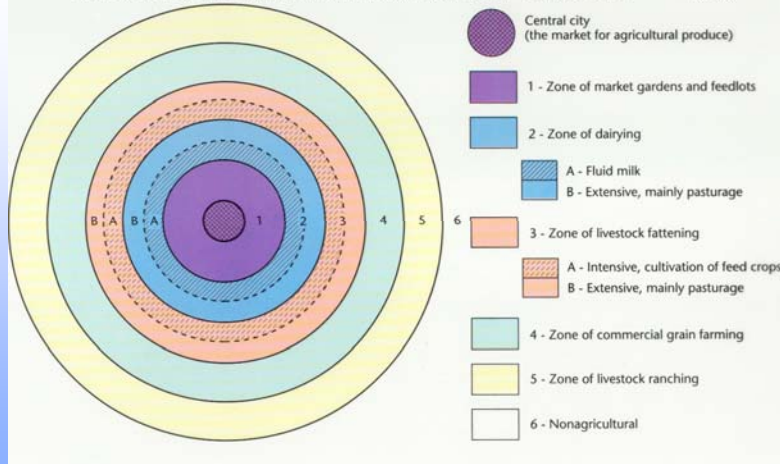
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## IV. CULTURAL INTEGRATION (Viewpoints)

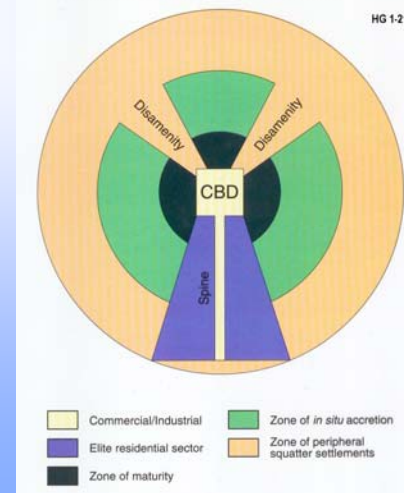
- A. Social Science (Nomothetic)
- B. Humanistic Geography (Idiographic)



Hypothetical distribution of commercial agriculture in an "isolated state" HG 1-20



Latin America city model HG 1-21



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### V. CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

- A. Settlement Patterns
- B. Land-Use Patterns
- C. Architecture

