

APHG Unit 3 – UAE Culture Project

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Instructions: Take a look at the table below. On the left side you see some of the important general terms that are a part of the “Cultural Patterns and Processes” unit along with some definitions/information. Your job is to explore the United Arab Emirates using either Internet research or, if available a school database (like ABC-CLIO). Then, in the right-hand column, provide examples and information related to your research on the United Arab Emirates. The purpose of this assignment is to help you review key terms and to provide you with relevant examples. This will help you on the AP test by giving you one country you know you can draw from for examples and explanations.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Nothing on this document should be word for word from your resources. You are expected to put everything in your own words.

TERM	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES (Must be in complete sentences)
General Terms		
Culture	a total way of life held in common by a group of people, including such learned features as speech, ideology, behavior; livelihood, technology, and government ; or the local, customary way of doing things- a way of life; an ever-changing process in which a group is actively engaged; a dynamic mix of symbols, beliefs, speech, and practices.	<i>In a paragraph describe the culture of the United Arab Emirates (focus specifically on the things you see in bold on the left).</i>

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Material Culture	all physical, tangible objects made and used by members of a cultural group, such as clothing, buildings, tools and utensils, instruments, furniture, and artwork; the visible aspect of culture.	<i>Provide an example (either in words or in a picture with a description) of material culture in the United Arab Emirates.</i>
Nonmaterial Culture	the wide range of tales, songs, lore, beliefs, superstitions, and customs that passes from generation to generation as part of an oral or written tradition.	<i>Describe aspects of nonmaterial culture in the United Arab Emirates.</i>
Acculturation	the adoption by an ethnic group of enough of the ways of the host society to be able to function economically and socially.	<i>What would it look like for someone to experience acculturation in the United Arab Emirates? Use specific references to cultural traits (material and nonmaterial) from the culture.</i>
Assimilation	the complete blending of an ethnic group into the host society, resulting in the loss of all distinctive ethnic traits.	<i>What would it look like for someone assimilate to life in the United Arab Emirates? Use specific references to cultural traits (material and nonmaterial) that the person would adopt from the culture of the United Arab Emirates.</i>

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Cultural core	the territorial nucleus from which a country grows in area and over time, often containing the national capital and the main center of commerce, culture, and industry.	<i>Describe the cultural core of the United Arab Emirates (it may or may not be the capitol city). Describe WHY this is the cultural core.</i>
Cultural periphery	a concept based on the tendency of both formal and functional culture regions to consist of a core or node, in which defining traits and purest or functions are headquartered, and a periphery that is tributary and displays fewer of the defining traits.	<i>Describe the cultural periphery of the United Arab Emirates (remember, this is the place or people group that experience the greatest distance decay from the cultural core).</i>
Cultural landscape	the artificial landscape; the visible human imprint on the land.	<i>Describe an example of cultural landscape in the United Arab Emirates (either in words or in a picture with a description).</i>
Cultural ecology	broadly defined, the study of the relationships between the physical environment and culture; narrowly defined, the study of culture as an adaptive system that facilitates human adaptation to nature and environmental change.	<i>Describe an example of cultural ecology from the United Arab Emirates. In other words, what is a good example of how people the United Arab Emirates interact with their environment in a unique way?</i>

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Folk Culture	a small cohesive, stable, isolated, nearly self-sufficient group that is homogeneous in custom and race; characterized by a strong family or clan structure, order maintained through sanctions based in the religion or family, little division of labor other than that between the sexes, frequent and strong interpersonal relationships, and a material culture consisting mainly of a handmade goods.	<i>Describe an example of folk culture in the United Arab Emirates (either in words or in a picture with a description).</i>
Folklore	traditional customs, tales, sayings, dances, or art forms preserved among a people	<i>Provide an example (either in words or in a picture with a description) of folklore in the United Arab Emirates.</i>
Popular Culture	a dynamic culture based in large, heterogeneous societies permitting considerable individualism, innovation, and change; having a money-based economy, division of labor into professions, secular institutions of control, and weak interpersonal ties; producing and consuming machine-made goods.	<i>Describe aspects of popular culture that have filtered into the culture of the United Arab Emirates.</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal culture region — core, periphery 	<p>an area in which everyone shares in one or more distinctive cultural characteristics.</p>	<p><i>Describe an example of formal culture region from the United Arab Emirates.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional culture region — node 	<p>a cultural area organized around a node or focal point.</p>	<p><i>Describe an example of functional culture region from the United Arab Emirates.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernacular culture region (perceptual)— regional self-awareness 	<p>an area that people believe to exist as part of their cultural identity.</p>	<p><i>Describe an example of vernacular culture region from the United Arab Emirates.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion diffusion— (hierarchical, contagious, stimulus) 	<p>- the spread of a feature or trend among people from one area to another in a snowballing process.</p>	<p><i>What kind of innovation, product, or idea has spread to the United Arab Emirates through expansion diffusion? Explain...</i></p> <p><i>BONUS: What SPECIFIC kind of expansion diffusion was it?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation diffusion 	<p>- the spread of a feature or trend through bodily movement of people from one place to another.</p>	<p><i>What kind of innovation, product, or idea has spread to the United Arab Emirates through relocation diffusion? Explain...</i></p>

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Language		
Language	a mutually agreed-upon system of symbolic communication that has a spoken and usually a written expression.	<i>What languages do people speak in the United Arab Emirates?</i>
Dialect	a distinctive local or regional variant of a language that remains mutually intelligible to speakers of other dialects of that language; a subtype of a language.	For all answers to the language section look in the section "People" under "Society and Culture" <i>What dialects do people speak in the United Arab Emirates?</i>
Religion		
Religious Groups		<i>What religions are present in the United Arab Emirates? What is the dominant religion in the United Arab Emirates? If you can access the information detail what percentage or how many people in the United Arab Emirates adhere to each religion.</i>
Religious culture hearth		<i>What religious hearth did the primary religion in the United Arab Emirates come from (it may be outside of the country)?</i>
Religious conflict		<i>Describe any kind of religious conflict occurring in the United Arab Emirates.</i>

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Exclave/enclave	(Same as the definitions for ethnicity, only applying to religion).	<p><i>In this space describe the religious landscape of the United Arab Emirates. Include things like descriptions of religious exclaves or enclaves, fundamentalism, and landscapes of the dead.</i></p>
Fundamentalism	The literal interpretation and strict adherence to basic principal of a religion (a religious branch, denomination, or sect). Typically seen as very rigid with their beliefs.	
Landscapes of the dead	How a religion relates to the dead. (For example, do they have holidays dedicated to the dead? How do they care for bodies once people die? What are funerals like in this religion?)	
Religious architectural styles		<p><i>Provide an example (either in words or in a picture with a description) of a religious architectural style in the United Arab Emirates.</i></p>
Sacred space		<p><i>Provide an example (either in words or in a picture with a description) of a sacred space for people in the United Arab Emirates (it may be outside of the country).</i></p>

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Environment

Based on your observations throughout your reading, describe Emiratis attitudes towards the environment in **ONE PARAGRAPH** (3 sentences minimum; 5 sentences for "A" level work). Use specific examples of human-environment interaction from your research.

Gender

<p>Longevity Gap/ Education Gap</p>	<p>What is the average <i>years in school</i> for:</p> <p>Male: _____</p> <p>Female: _____</p>	<p>What is the average <i>life expectancy</i> for:</p> <p>Male: _____</p> <p>Female: _____</p>
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<p>Maternal mortality rate</p>	<p>number of women who die in childbirth out of 100,000</p>	<p>What is the <i>Maternal Mortality Rate</i> in your country?</p> <p>Maternal Mortality Rate: _____</p>
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<p>Gender gap</p>	<p>The social differences between men and women rather than the anatomical differences that are related to sex.</p>	<p>Use your understanding of the stage of the DTM the United Arab Emirates is in along with other information you gather about education for the different genders, how many women are representatives in government or business, what kind of healthcare is available for women, etc... to make an educated guess about the gender gap in the United Arab Emirates).</p> <p>Use this section to describe (in a couple of sentences) the roles of males and females in the United Arab Emirates. Focus on the gender gap in your answer.</p>
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Ethnicity		
Acculturation	the adoption by an ethnic group of enough of the ways of the host society to be able to function economically and socially.	<i>Use this section to describe the ethnic landscape of the United Arab Emirates in at least 1 paragraph. Use at least 5 of the words listed in the left-hand column in your description. <u>Underline</u> these words in your description.</i>
Adaptive strategy	the unique way in which each culture uses its particular physical environment; those aspects of culture that serve to provide the necessities of life--- food, clothing, shelter, and defense.	
Cultural adaptation	the complex strategies human groups employ to live successfully as part of a natural system.	
Ethnic cleansing	process in which more powerful ethnic group forcibly removes a less powerful one in order to create an ethnically homogeneous region.	
Ethnic conflict		
Ethnic enclave	a piece of territory surrounded by , but not part of a country.	
Ethnic group	a group of people who share a common ancestry and cultural tradition, often living as a minority in a larger society.	
Ethnic homeland	a sizable area inhabited by an ethnic minority that exhibits a strong sense of attachment to the region and often exercises some measure of political and social control over it.	
Ethnic landscape		
Ethnic neighborhood	a voluntary community where people of like origin reside by choice.	
Ethnicity	affiliation or identify within a group of people bound by common ancestry and culture.	
Ghetto	traditionally, an area within a city where an ethnic group lives, either by choice or by force. Today, in the United States, the term typically indicated an impoverished African-American urban neighborhood.	
Plural society	a society combining ethnic contrasts; each group holds by its own religion, its own culture and language, its own ideas and ways.	
Race	identity with a group of people descended from a common ancestor.	
Segregation	the spatial separation of specific population sub-groups within a wider population.	
Social distance	a measure of the perceived degree of social separation between individuals, ethnic groups, neighborhoods, or other groupings; the voluntary or enforced segregation of two or more distinct social groups for most activities.	

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