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**INTRODUCING REGIONS**

**WHAT DEFINES A REGION**

Geographers often divide the world into units of study called regions. A region is a large area that is different from the areas around it. It can be defined by a single characteristic or be several.

1. What kinds of regions are shown

by the bottom map on page 30? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What kinds of regions are shown

by the top map on page 29? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL REGIONS**

1. Natural regions are identified with natural features. Use the bottom map on page 45 to name some examples of such regions.

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**CULTURAL REGIONS**

Cultural regions are defined by features that people create. Some cultural features, such as cities and crops, are easy to see. Others, such as religious beliefs, are mainly invisible.

1. What regions are shown in the bottom maps on page 46?

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1. What regions are shown in the bottom map on page 75?

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**REGIONS CAN CHANGE**

A region’s natural or cultural features can change. As a result, regions can change in

character, shape, or size. For example, find the Sahara on page 65.

1. The Sahara is a vast natural region. Describe this region.

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1. How hot can it get in the Sahara?

**TESTING YOUR UNDERSTANDING**

Tell whether the following maps show natural or cultural regions.

1. Map on pages 18-19 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Top map on page 36 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The two bottom maps on page 66 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_