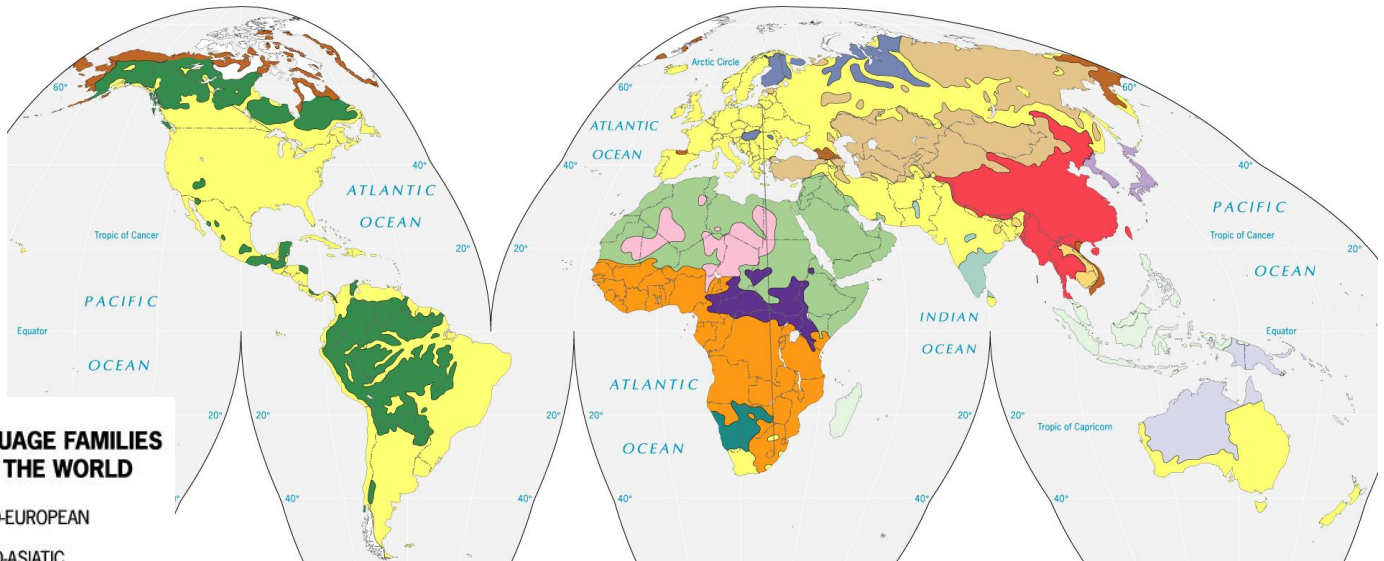


**Unit
3**

Language and Religion Investigation

Cultural Geography

This introduction is designed for you to gain an appreciation that language and religion are essential elements of culture. You may not plagiarize or work with another individual to answer these questions. The Honor Code must be written out and signed.



1) Complete the table to the best of your ability:

| Language Family | Major Language(s) | Location(s) |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | | |
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2) Identify and describe the TWO theories in how the Proto-Indo-European language diffused into Europe.

3) Discuss how language divergence and convergence contribute to the formation of dialects and new languages.

4) Discuss the process of creolization. What languages converged to form the actual Creole language?

5) Identify TWO countries in which language serves as a centrifugal force. For each country explain the issues that divide the population, and discuss its current situation.

6) Define the original meaning of lingua franca. What does the term connote today? Give an example and discuss how it is used in its region, or throughout the world.

Like language, religion is a foundation block of cultures. Religion confers identity on people and influence dress, language, house types, and major community buildings. Religions have sets of doctrines and beliefs, they generally have rituals, and many have holy books and vast bureaucracies.

7) Go to the [BBC World Religion Guide](#) and use your textbook to help complete the following table.

| Religion | # of followers | Branches | Holy book(s) | Deity and major prophet(s) | Source area & current locations | Essential beliefs |
|--------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Christianity | | | | | | |
| Islam | | | | | | |

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|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Hinduism | | | | | | |
| Buddhism | | | | | | |
| Judaism | | | | | | |
| Sikhism | | | | | | |
| Taoism | | | | | | |
| Shinto | | | | | | |
| Mormonism | | | | | | |

8) Define secularism. Discuss the impact secularism has had on religion in certain countries and societies. Cite specific examples.

9) Define interfaith boundary. Discuss the underlying factors and explain the impact that ONE interfaith boundary has had in the world.

10) Define intrafaith boundary. Discuss the underlying factors and explain the impact that ONE intrafaith boundary has had in the world.