Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period# \_\_\_\_ Topic 1.7: Regional Analysis

1.7 Describe different ways that geographers define regions.

* 1.7.1 Regions are defined on the basis of one or more unifying characteristics or on patterns of activity.
* 1.7.2 Types of regions include formal, functional, and perceptual/vernacular.
* 1.7.3 Regional boundaries are transitional and often contested and overlapping.
* 1.7.4 Geographers apply regional analysis at local, national, and global scales.

**What is a region?**

* Regions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-

1. Formal
2. Functional
3. Perceptual/Vernacular

**Formal Region**

* Definition: A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, traditionally defined by economic, social, political, or environmental characterizes.

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| EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF FORMAL REGIONS | |
| Economic Region |  |
| Social/Cultural |  |
| Political |  |
| Environmental |  |

**Functional Region**

* Definition: organized around a central node (focal point) and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Examples: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Perceptual Regions**

* A geographic area that has no perfect definition, it only exists because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Sense of place & cultural identity.
* Example: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT: THE NEW UNITED STATES**

**Directions:** You are tasked with redrawing the borders within the United States. Instead of 50 states, you will create 5 states that group parts of the country that have similarities. You will use FORMAL, FUNCTIONAL, and PERCEPTUAL maps to group the different parts of the country

**STEP 1:** Examine the various maps in the map handout 🡪 Click Link or Scan QR Code:

**https://tinyurl.com/fm6r8cxy**

**STEP 2:** Color the new states that have been created on the map provided.

a. Shade each area with a different color (use colored pencils)

b. Label these new states with a newly created name that is based on why you grouped a certain part of the country. Please use relevant and respectful toponyms

**STEP 3:** On the back of your map, write a justification for your choices. Be sure to include the relationships that would unify a region into a cohesive state. If you divide a current state, you need to explain why. Make sure to identify at least 3 of the maps that helped you make your decision. Each justification should be MINUMUM of 4 sentences.