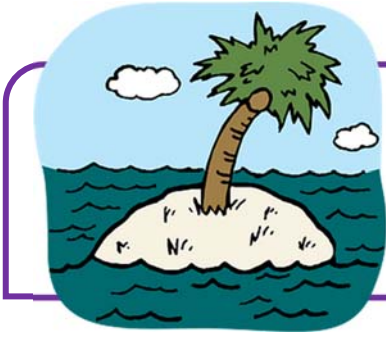


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Pacific Rim Cultures

Directions: Read the passage about cultural diversity along the Pacific Rim. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Pacific Rim includes countries and communities that border the Pacific Ocean. This wide region stretches across Asia, Oceania, and the Americas. The cultures found here are incredibly diverse. Coastal nations such as Japan, Chile, Canada, Indonesia, Australia, and Peru all share a connection to the Pacific, yet each has its own traditions, languages, and histories.

Many Pacific Rim cultures have long relied on the ocean for food, transportation, and trade. Fishing traditions shape local diets, while ocean-based travel has linked communities for thousands of years. In places like Polynesia, navigators once sailed across vast distances using stars, waves, and wind patterns. Today, Pacific Rim societies blend ancient customs with modern industries such as shipping, tourism, and technology. Although these cultures are different, they remain connected by their shared relationship with the Pacific Ocean.

1. What does the passage say the Pacific Rim includes?
2. How have Pacific Rim cultures historically used the ocean?
3. Give one example of how ancient traditions and modern industries exist together along the Pacific Rim.
4. Why might the ocean help connect cultures that are far apart from each other?
5. In your own words, explain why cultural diversity is important when studying Pacific Rim societies.