

Cultural Currents Answer Key

Responses will vary. A strong answer should include points such as:

- Geography influences farming, travel, and settlement patterns.
- The Andes affect climate and create isolated communities with unique cultural traditions.
- The Amazon River supports transportation, fishing, and access for remote communities.
- The rainforest climate shapes clothing, housing, and daily routines.
- Deserts like the Atacama limit agriculture but support mining jobs and industries.
- Coastal regions encourage fishing, trade, and cultural contact with other parts of the world.

Teacher's Guide

- This activity strengthens students ability to connect geographic features with human experiences.
- Encourage students to use examples from class notes, maps, documentaries, or prior readings.
- Allow time for brainstorming before writing to help students organize ideas.

Differentiation Tips

- Provide sentence starters for students who need more structure.
- Allow advanced learners to write extended responses or compare two regions.

Engagement Ideas

- Hold quick partner discussions before writing so students can share ideas.
- Ask students to choose one region and create a short list of ways geography affects culture there.
- Create a class board where students share one example from their reflection.