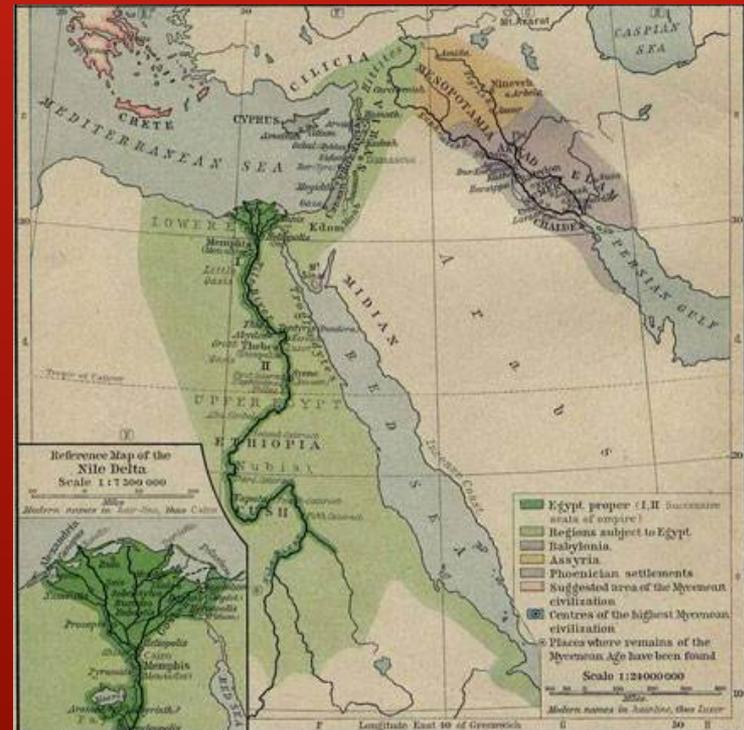


Culture Hearths

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Main Culture Hearths

- The Nile River Valley
- The Indus River Valley
- The Hwang He River Valley
- The Ganges River Valley
- Mesopotamia



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What is Culture?

- A certain group's particular way of life
- Social meanings of various aspects of life such as.....

race

ethnicity

values

languages

religions

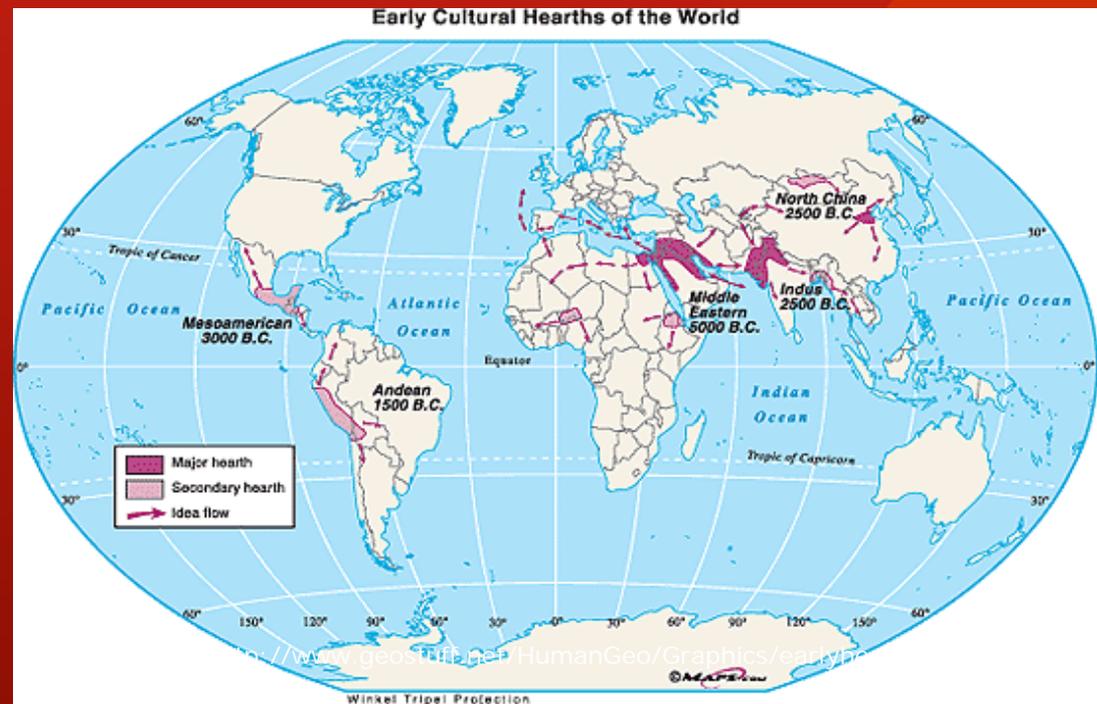
clothing styles



So... What Are Cultural "Hearths?"

Those that are the most dominant have origins in one of a few areas called "cultural hearths."

Historically, there are 7 main locations from which the most dominant cultural ideas have spread.



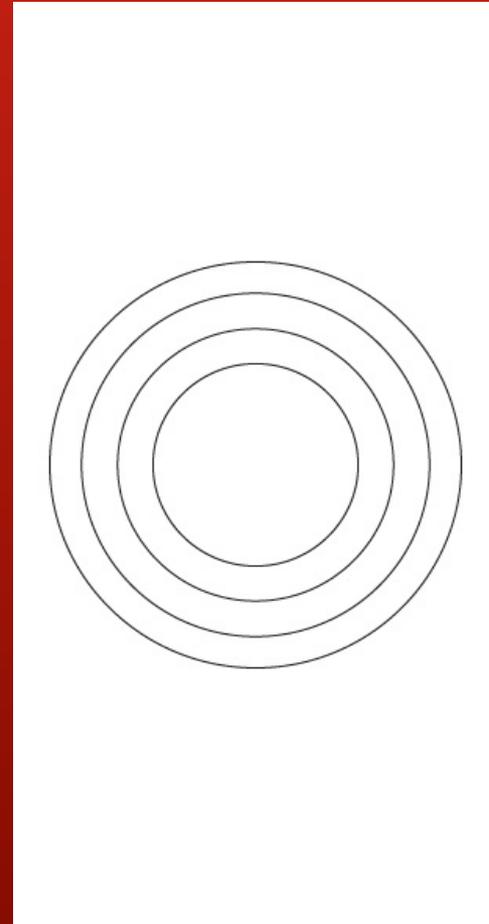
These regions are considered “cultural hearths” because of

- Religion
- The use of iron tools and weapons
- Highly organized social structures
- The development of agriculture



Components of Influence

- The core: the heart of the area and shows the most strongly expressed cultural traits.
- The domain: surrounds the core and is influenced by it.
- The sphere: surrounds the domain.
- The outlier: surrounds the sphere.



Cultural Diffusion

- The spread of cultural ideas from the core and the culture hearth



Main Methods of Cultural Diffusion

- Direct
- Forced
- Cultural Imperialism
- Indirect diffusion



Symbolism



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Washington's Masonic Apron



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