

The Big Ideas

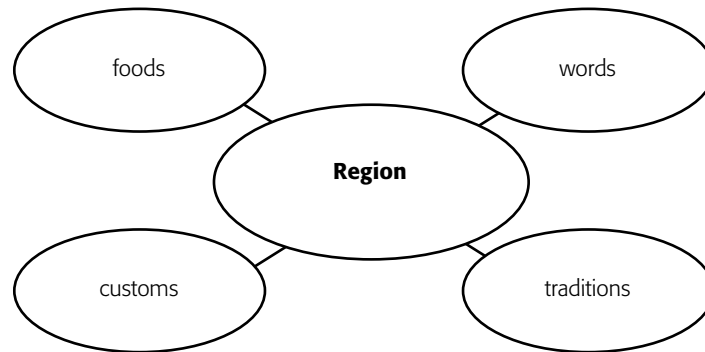
School-to-Home Connection

The time period between the 1930s and the 1960s saw sweeping changes in the United States and in the world. Many people struggled through wars, hard economic and political times, and social changes. Many people were torn from their original homes or chose to move away from them, often leaving behind family members and old traditions.

ACTIVITY

Directions Think about the unit’s three Big Ideas: Return to Regionalism, Life in the City, and the United States and the World. Discuss what these ideas mean to members of your household. Use the following activities and questions as a guide.

1. If necessary, explain that a region is a geographic area that has special characteristics, climate, and traditions that distinguish it from other areas. For example, in the United States, the West is one region; in Europe, areas that border the Mediterranean form a region. Ask family members what foods, words, customs, and traditions typify the region in which they live or from which they or their ancestors came. Use their answers to fill in the web.



2. Ask two different people what they think are the five best and worst characteristics of city life. What reasons made them choose those features?

3. American films, television shows, and products are recognized around the world. Do you think they give the rest of the world an accurate view of the United States? Is the view they represent positive or negative? What specific details helped you arrive at your answer?
