



AP Human Geography

Language Discussion

Name: _____

Section: _____

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Directions: Answer the following discussion questions while working with your partner. We will discuss the answers in class so be prepared to defend/explain your answers.

1. Do you agree with the following statement? "Language is the most important cultural trait of a society"
 - a. Explain your reasoning

2. Come up with explanations on how the following factors impact the development of language.
Economic

Social

Political

Natural

3. Come up with three advantages and three disadvantages of the diffusion of English and other dominant languages (Mandarin, Spanish, Russian, French, Arabic...)

Advantages

1.

2.

3.

Disadvantages

1.

2.

3.

4. Given the current trends of development what language (other than English) should a businessman who is interested in developing countries learn? Explain your answer with geographical evidence.