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AP Human Geography

Rubenstein Chapter 5: Languages Guided Reading Questions

Throughout Your Reading

Six languages are used in the United Nations. As you read, fill in the chart regarding those languages. They will be found throughout Key Issues #1 and #2 in Chapter 5. In the case of the Indo-European Family, list the specific Language Branch as well.

Language	Language Family	Where is it spoken

Key Issue #1

1. What is the difference between language and literary tradition?
2. How many world languages spoken worldwide?
3. How many world languages are spoken by at least 100 million people?
4. According to Quentin Atkinson, where is language most complex and diverse? Why?
5. What is the most widely used language family?
6. Which Chinese language is most widely used?
7. What is the most widely used language in Indonesia?

8. Who created the Vietnamese language?
9. What is the major language of the Afro-Asiatic family?
10. What “second” language is spoken by approximately 30 million Africans?
11. What language is the clicking sound?

Key Issue #2

12. What language family and group does English belong to?
13. What is the official language of India?
14. What did Czechoslovakian sporting announcers do during games to promote both languages?
15. What country did Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, and Serbia used to be part of?
16. What event caused German and English to be such different languages, even though they have the same roots?

Key Issue #3

17. How has national distribution affected dialects?
18. Why is the English language in the United States so different from that in England?

19. What three areas does U.S. English differ from England English?

20. Who changed the spelling of *honour* to *honor*?

Key Issue #4

21. What are the four official languages of Switzerland?

22. What is a nearly extinct language?

23. What happened to Irish students who spoke Irish in class?

24. What does EBLUL stand for?

25. How many countries have English as an official language?

26. Which countries use English predominantly, even though it is not official?

27. Using google translate, or something similar, figure out what questions #18 and #19 are asking on image 5-44 on pg. 173.

28. What is one theory as to the creation of Ebonics?

29. What is the idea of “bidialectic?”

30. Where are most French-speaking Canadians clustered?

31. What language might replace English as the primary “internet language” in the near future?