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In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

(a) <u>explain</u> means "to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of"

(b) <u>discuss</u> means "to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail"

Part II

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Geography

Geographic factors have affected the development of nations and regions. These factors have also promoted or hindered cultural diffusion.

Task:

Select ***two*** different geographic factors and for ***each***

- Explain how the geographic factor affected the development of a specific nation/region
- Discuss how that geographic factor promoted ***or*** hindered cultural diffusion

Do *not* write about geographic factors in the United States in your response.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

Geography Topic Suggestions: **You are *not* limited to these suggestions.**