

II. Origins of Cultures

A. Culture Hearths

1. Where a

unique culture or specific trait develops

2. Greece

2000 yrs ago = democracy

Ex 2: NYC 1970s = Rap Music

2. Taboos: behaviors heavily discouraged by a culture

a) eating certain foods

Ex: Pork, Insects

b) Can change over time

Ex: Marriage between Catholics & Protestants

B. Folk Culture

1. The Beliefs and Practices of small, homogeneous groups of people, often living in rural areas that are relatively isolated and slow to change.

2. Demonstrate diverse ways people have adapted to the environment

Ex: People making shelters out of available resources (mud bricks, wood)

3. Have a unique sense of place & belonging

a) Shared cultural traits bring homogeneity to the culture

b) Gives people a sense of ownership to where they live.