

The area for your culture is a fairly large island. Your island is covered with ice and snow and has very rock soil. Your island is located far enough away from others that you are isolated from outside. You get a fair amount of precipitation throughout the year in the form of the snow that falls on the island.

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The area for your culture is isolated by the larger mountains that surround it. The people in your culture live in the mountains in a lower elevation than the mountains around it. The climate in this area is temperate in which it gets cold enough to snow during the winter, but does not get extremely hot at any point during the year. You get a fair amount of precipitation to water the plants and the trees that live in the mountains.

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The region for your culture is isolated from the people around it by the desert that is to the north and west and the mountains that are to the south and east. The area for your people is made up of grassland in which there is a limited amount of precipitation. It gets very hot in the summer and very cold in the winter. The grassland is also a very flat land.

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The area for your culture has a very mild climate where the temperature is usually between 70-80 degrees and has a great deal of precipitation throughout the year. Your area is isolated from other people by large mountains. There are plenty of lakes and rivers throughout the area that your people live. The soil in the area is very rich in nutrients.

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The area for your culture is separated from other people because of the climate of your area. The area in which your people live is a vast desert where there are only a few small areas of oasis that are divided from the desert by the trees. It is very hot all year round and there is very little water.

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Project will be graded on the following:

1. Is this project appropriate for a high school sociology class?
2. Was class time used effectively
3. Did the project reach its full potential
4. How well was the project presented
5. Was the project well organized?
6. Did all parts of the culture make sense?
7. Was the project creative?
8. Did pictures help to show the different aspects of the culture?