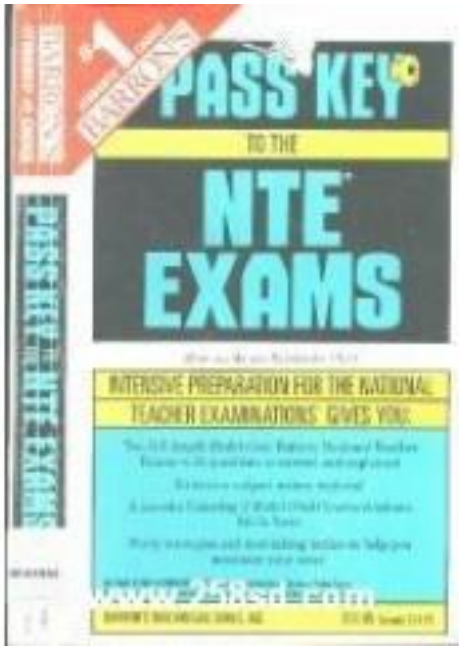


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Glossary of Social Studies Terms
> Acculturation The process of borrowing between cultures
especially on the part of a
> less developed culture from a more developed culture
resulting in new patterns. Unlike
> diffusion
it usually refers to borrowings that occur under pressure
such as the intro-
> duction of Catholicism into Spanish-conquered Latin America in the 1500s. See
> Diffusion.
> Adaptation The process whereby populations change on an on-going basis in
response to alterations in their environments.
> Affirmative action Policies designed to incorporate ethnic and racial minorities
including women
into political
economic and social institutions. First use of the term
was in 1961 in an executive order issued by President John F. Kennedy.
> Agrihusin~ss Large-scale production
processing and marketing of food and nonfood
> farm

commodities and products. Agribusiness is a major commercial business.
California has the largest concentration of agribusiness in the United States.
>Animism The religious belief that views inanimate objects such as trees and moun-
taias as possessing supernatural forces. Together with ancestor worship it appears to
have been the \"first religion\" of people all over the world.
>Anthropology The social science that studies biological and cultural variations in
human populations.
>Archeology The branch of anthropology or history that examines the remains of pre-
historic cultures¼ that isi¼ cultures for which there are no remaining written records and
which thus can be known only through an examination of their material remains.
>Artifact Preserved remains of nonnatural things¼ that isi¼ things made by human
beings¼ such as tools or housing. See Fossil.
>Assimilation The merging of cultural traits from distinct cultural groups.
>Balance of payment The system of recording all of the country s economic trans-
actions with the rest of the world during a particular period. The balance of payment is
typically divided into subaccoums¼ such as the capital and current accounts. The current
acCount covers import and export goods; the capital account covers movements of
investments. These subacconnts may show a deficit or surplus; the overall balance of
payments¼ however¼ will not be in surplus or deficit since every dollar spent on foreign
items is returned to buy U.S. goods or securities. See also Balance of trade.
>Bulanee of trade The difference over a period of time between the value of a
Country s imports¼ such as automobiles and stereosi¼ and its exports of merchandise¼
such as foodstuffs and computers. When a country exports more than it imports¼ the
balance of trade is in surplus and the country is said to have a favorable balance of
trade. However¼ an unfavorable balance of trade does not necessarily mean the country

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