

Defining Regions

Sometimes geographers classify specific areas of the globe as regions. They use certain criteria, or standards, to do this. This same information can also be used to compare and contrast regions. The table below lists and defines four criteria used in this process. Add two examples of regions that are based on these criteria.

Criteria	Definition	Examples
Landform	Physical features of the earth's surface, such as valleys, mountains and plateaus	
Climate	Average weather conditions, including wind, temperature and rainfall	
Economy	The ways in which societies produce goods, meet needs and distribute services	
Culture	The traditions, customs and religious views honored by most of the population	