

Folk and Popular Culture

The Origin and Diffusion of Folk and Popular Culture

1. What are the differences between “culture,” “habit” and “custom”?
2. Define the differences between ‘folk’ and ‘popular’ cultures. Use an example from Southern/US culture to illustrate.
3. What are the most important differences between the origin and diffusion of folk music and popular music?
4. Characterize the diffusion of Amish culture. What strategies have helped the Amish to retain the distinctive features of their culture?
5. Sports, the textbook writers argue, are an example of *hierarchical diffusion*. Why? How do the writers support their argument? Can you think of possible exceptions?