

Subject: Slices of America

1. What did you learn about the following divisions of American society?

GEOGRAPHIC GAPS

- the Northeast
- the South
- the Bible Belt
- the Unchurched Belt
- the Rust Belt
- rural/urban divide

ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

- the middle class
- the lower class
- the upper class
- the Democratic Party/the Republican Party
- ‘purpling’

MISCELLANEOUS SPLITS

- the weather
- religion
- evolution

2. Find appropriate words in the text to fill the gaps

to rub with sb
on the hand
population d.....
day-to..... life
church rates
Blue-..... values
at breakneck

on an basis
forward..... minds
s..... heat
on the flip
melting p.....
head-b.....
variety is the of life



3. Choose a synonym for the underlined words

The expression “southern hospitality” denotes how amicable southerners try to be.

friendly

garrulous

meticulous

Roughly half of Americans fall into the middle class, and the country’s median salary hovers at around \$60,000.

in fact

approximately

furthermore

America’s upper class is dwindling.

expanding

shrinking

spreading

Conversely, older, wealthier, and more religious Americans from areas like the South tend to lean right.

more affluent

more expensive

more generous

Residents of Silicon Valley are some of the most forward-thinking minds out there, whereas the Amish and other Pennsylvania Dutch abstain from using electricity.

regard as

force to

refrain from

friendly/approximately/shrinking/more affluent/refrain from

Answer key:

4. Write a paragraph about one division of society in your home country, e.g. geographic division

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