



Education &
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What is Human Migration?

Migration (human) is when groups of people move from one place to another. People can either choose to move or be forced to move.

Groups of people have always migrated. People celebrate the places their families have come from when they talk about their "roots" or "ancestry."

People can move from one country to another, or they can move from one state to another.





Types of Migration

Emigration: Leaving one home to move to another (e.g., the Pilgrims emigrated *from* England).

Immigration: Moving into a new country (e.g., the Pilgrims immigrated *to* America).

Seasonal Migration: When people move with each season (e.g., farm workers following crop harvests or working in cities off-season)





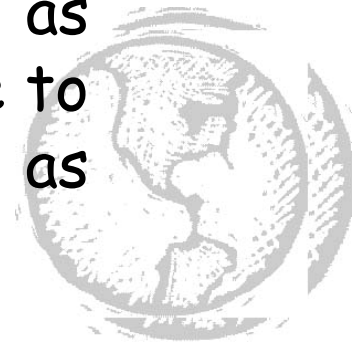
People Who Migrate

Emigrant: A person who is leaving a country to live in another.

Immigrant: A person who is moving to a new country from another to make a new home.

Why Do People Migrate?

People move for many reasons. People might leave a place because of a problem (such as a food shortage, war, flood, etc.) or move to a place because of something good (such as a nicer climate, better food supply, etc.).





Signs of Migration

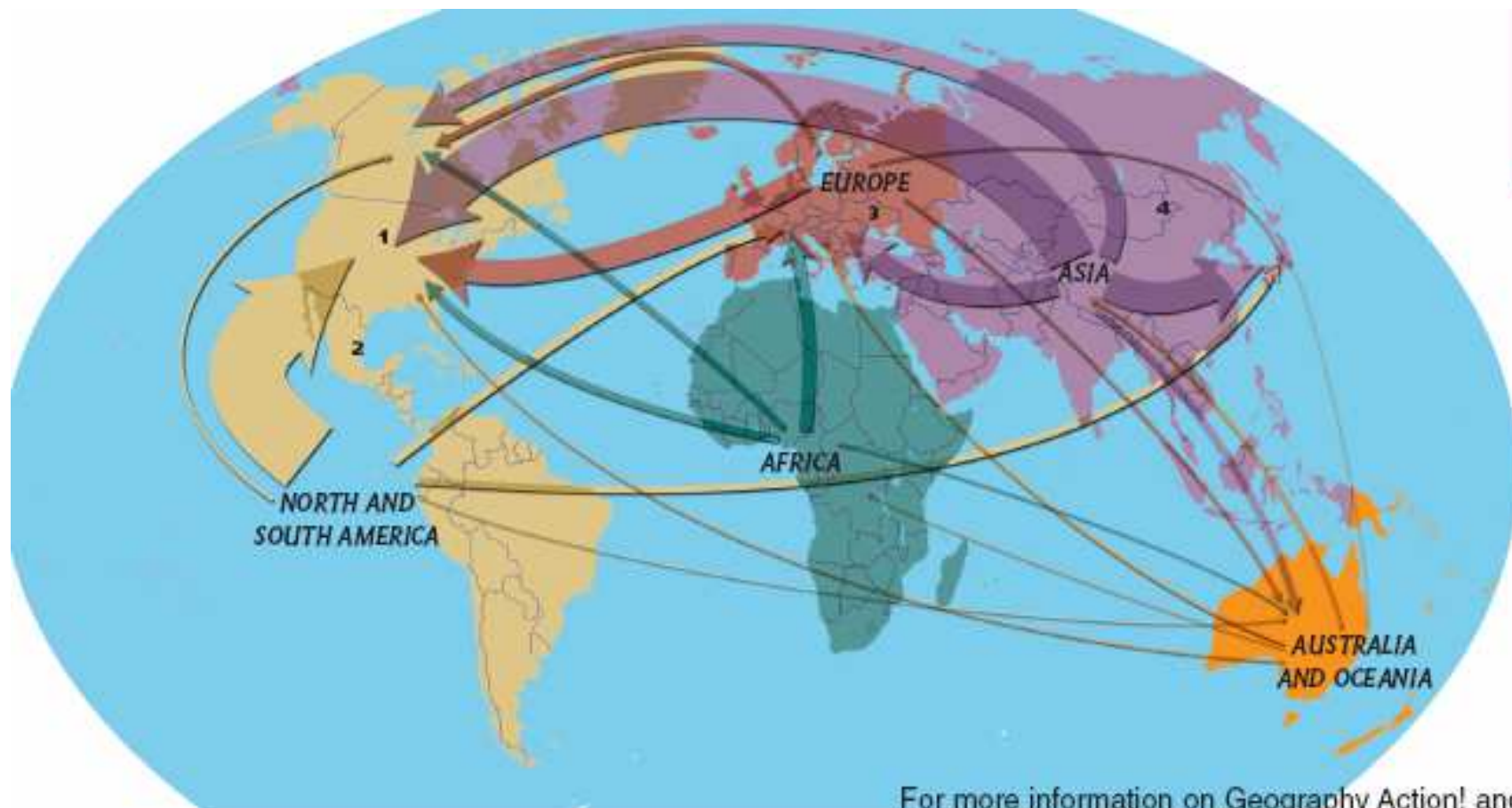
People bring the traditions from their old home to their new community. We can see signs of migration in things like local food, music, clothes, and the stories people tell



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People move. Around the world, 175 million people live in countries where they weren't born. The map below shows how people migrate today. The larger the arrow, the more migrants, or people on the move, from the continent named.



People on the Move

1 United States

More people move to the United States than any other country. About 31 million people in the U.S. were born as citizens of another country.

2 Mexico

Nearly five million Mexicans have moved to the U.S. since 1950. More Mexicans move to the U.S. than anyone else.

3 Europe

The population of Europe is shrinking. The continent will likely have 100 million fewer people by 2050.

4 Asia

More people migrate from Asia than anywhere else. Many people move because of wars in the area.

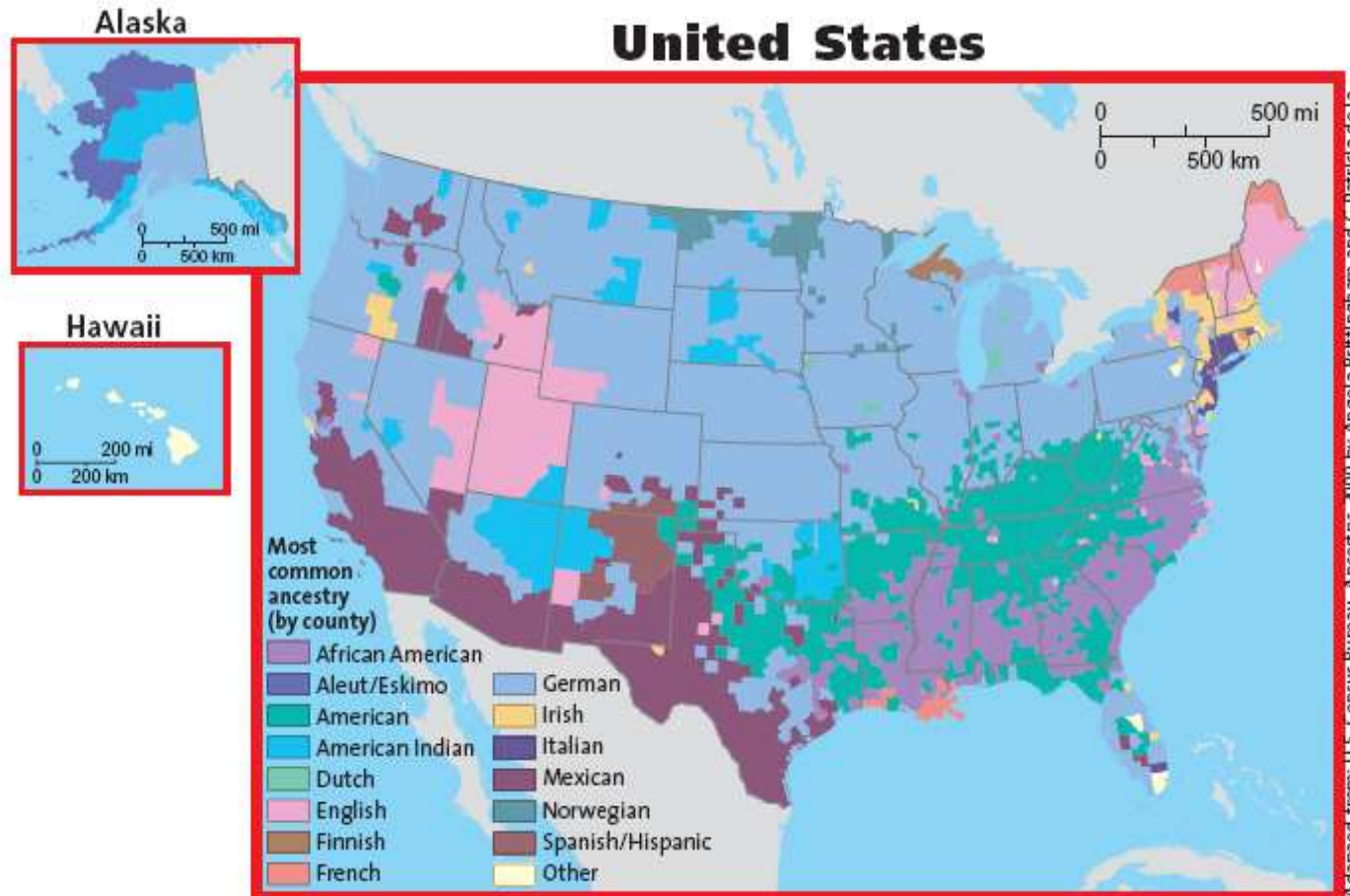
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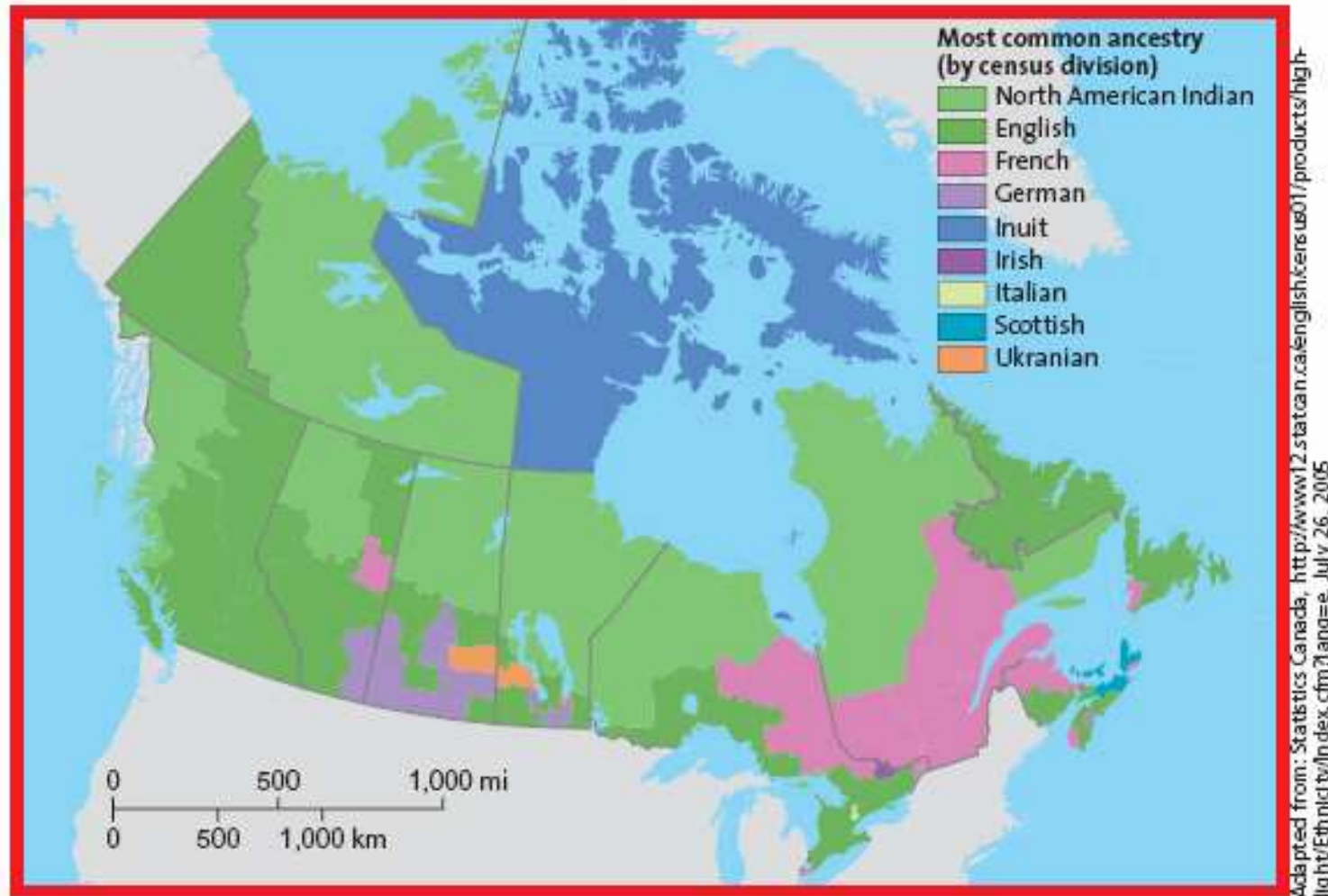
Past Moves, Present Patterns

Humans have been on the move for thousands of years. Past migrations helped shape the present populations in North America. This map shows how.



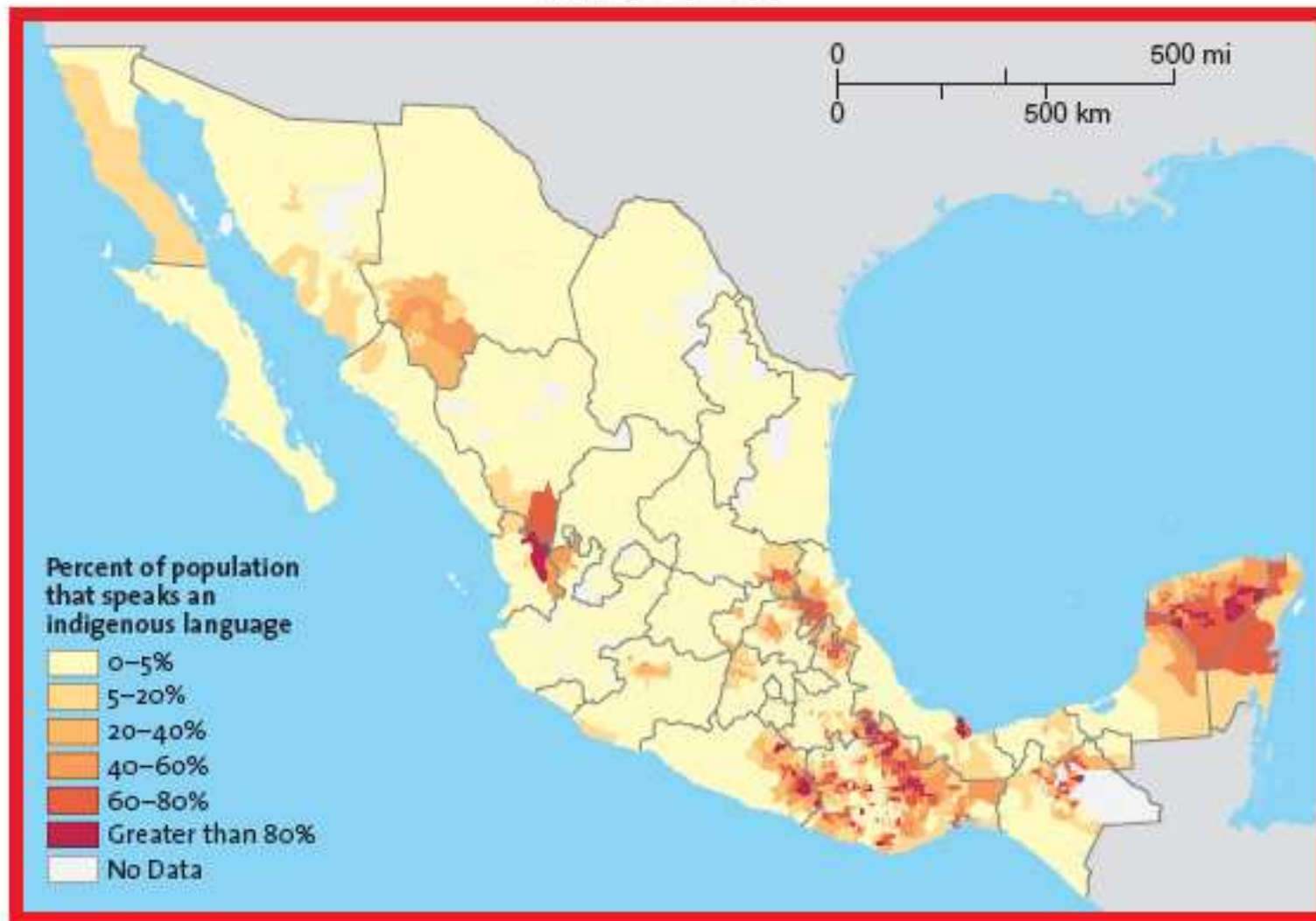
This map shows Americans' ancestry, or roots, by county. A third of all Americans describe their ancestors as German, Irish, or English. Almost a tenth identify their ancestors as African-American.

Canada



Colors show the ethnic roots of present-day Canadians. Many people in the south have English or French roots. Both England and France had colonies in Canada. Native peoples are widespread in the north.

Mexico



Spain ruled Mexico from 1519 to 1821. Yellow shows areas where Spanish is the major language. Orange and red mark places where many people still speak Native American languages.