Vocabulary Practice

A. COMPLETION Select the term that best completes the sentence.

anthropologist language family ethnic group

cultural hearth

agricultural revolution diffusion

_____ is the spread of ideas, inventions, and behavior patterns from one group to another.

2. An _____ studies culture.

3. An element of culture might originate in a _______ before spreading to other areas.

4. People that share a language, customs, and a common heritage are part of an

5. Languages that have a common origin are in a ___

B. MATCHING Match the definition in the second column with the term in the first column. Write the correct letter on the line.

- **6.** culture
- 7. missionary
- _ 8. religion
- 9. innovation
- ___ 10. technology
- __ 11. domestication
- ___ **12.** nomad

- a. something new that is introduced for the first time
- **b.** shared attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors of a group
- c. an organized system of beliefs and practices, often centered on one or more gods
- d. a person sent to do religious work in another land
- e. a person who has no set home but moves from place to place in search of food for animals
- **f.** to raise and tend plants or animals to be of use to humans
- g. people's application of knowledge, tools, and inventions to meet their needs

C. WRITING Use the following terms in a paragraph about the spread of new cultures in the United States.

culture

diffusion

ethnic group

language