

Language Map Questions

Please follow the instructions to below.

Map:

1. Duplicate the map on page 158. Be sure to create a color code similar to the one shown on the map.
2. Label on the map with an E where English is the official language.

Answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper.

1. According to the Map, what is the most widely dispersed language family in the World?
2. In terms of total speakers, what is most likely the second largest family?
3. Referencing question 1, what is most likely the hearth of this language family? Label the hearth on your map with a star.
4. Identify the major branches of the above language families.
5. Explain the primary reason for the dispersed concentration (around the world) of the Language Family in question 1.
6. Which two continents seem to have the most diversity among Language Families?

Use page 150 to answer the following questions.

1. Besides Indo European languages what other families are prominent on the European Continent.
2. What are the two largest branches of Indo European in Europe?
3. Which of these branches get its name from the Empire that is responsible for its diffusion? What was the official language of this Empire?
4. What is the group in Northern Spain that is isolated from the surrounding Indo European languages? What aspect of physical geography has allowed for this isolation?
5. What is another language that could be considered isolated due to its geographic features?
6. English is considered Germanic but what other branch greatly influenced the formation of English as a language? Why was it influenced by this branch?
7. Geographers believe that language is one of the most prominent elements of culture. Identify 3 areas where differences in language have caused political/cultural tensions.