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Definition essay

The most obvious definition of a southerner would be a person who lives or was born in the southern region of the United States. However, others may believe that a southerner could be anybody who lives in a country below the equator. South America, the continent, is a part of the south, so that makes its habitants southerners.

Many, when hearing about the south, think about the American Civil War. Southerners, in the United States, used to be known as the confederates. During the American Civil War, many of the southern states rebelled and founded their own country called the Confederate States of America. In addition, it is also believed that southerners have the most American spirit than anybody else. In the south, it is more likely to see an American flag waving on the front porch of a southerner’s house than a northerner’s house. They are proud and loyal to their homeland.

When I think about the south, I visualize huge open lands filled with cattle, horses, and other farm animals. A southerner could also be known as a farmer or hunter. However, that may only be in states like Louisiana, Kentucky, Texas and Tennessee. My parents grew up in the south, more specifically in Louisiana and Texas. My father’s stories consist of riding bulls, working on farms and hunting deer while wearing camouflage clothing. Southerners are not afraid to get dirty. Mud sliding is a common thing for southerners.

In addition, I’ve heard that southerners are extremely friendly and open to meet new people. They are known to have great hospitality manners. They are not shy. In the south you are more likely to know who your neighbor is than in the north. A southerner would greet you while you are in your backyard minding your own business, while in the north is seems that people tend to keep to themselves.

A southerner could possibly only be defined as a person who lives in a southern part of a continent, country, state, or city. However, I truly believe southerners can be defined as passionate people who are friendly and will give a helping hand to a person in need, while having confidence and great national sprit.