



FIGURE 2.14 Body regions. (a) An anterior view and (b) a posterior view.

are the *head*, *neck*, *trunk*, *upper extremity*, and *lower extremity* (fig. 2.14). The trunk is frequently divided into the thorax, abdomen, and pelvis.

Head

The **head** is divided into a **facial region**, which includes the eyes, nose, and mouth, and a **cranial region**, or **cranium** (*kra'ne-um*), which covers and supports the brain. The identifying names for specific surface regions of the face are based on associated

organs—for example, the orbital (eye), nasal (nose), oral (mouth), and auricular (ear) regions—or underlying bones—for example, the frontal, temporal parietal, zygomatic, and occipital regions.

Neck

The **neck**, referred to as the **cervical region**, supports the head and permits it to move. As with the head, detailed subdivisions of the neck can be identified. Additional information concerning the neck region can be found in chapter 10.