

The Five Themes of Geography

The five themes of geography are an educational framework for teaching geography.

The five themes are:

LOCATION

There are two definitions for 'Location': *Absolute location*, the exact latitude and longitude of a place, and *Relative location*, the place in relation to another place.

PLACE

Place is the human and physical characteristics of a location. Examples of human characteristics are population, population density, and culture, and example of physical are climate, land masses, and average height above sea level. Place have physical and human characteristics that make them what they are.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

This theme considers how humans adapt to and modify the environment. Humans shape the landscape through their interaction with the land; this has both positive and negative effects on the environment.

MOVEMENT

Movement is the travel of people, goods, and ideas to and from a place. Examples of movement include America's westward expansion, travel and immigration. New devices such as the airplane and the Internet allow physical and ideological goods to be transferred long distances in short time intervals. A person's travel from place to place, and the actions they perform there, are also considered movement. Movement in the old days was much harder than now because people would travel on wagons and the natural barriers would stop them.

REGION

Everything that borders or surrounds the location, how they interact, and how they are alike. For example, Mexico and Canada are in the same region as the United States, and they are all in North America.

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Location-

Absolute Location _____

Relative Location

1) _____

2) _____

Place-

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2) _____

3) _____

Human Environment Interaction-

1) _____

2) _____

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Movement

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3) _____

Region-

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