



5 Themes of Geography

Why do we study these?

- Help us better understand the culture of a place
- Help us think like a geographer
- To help us cover all aspects of geography when looking at an area

What are the 5 themes again?

- ***Location***
- ***Region***
- ***Place***
- ***Movement***
- ***Human-Environment Interaction***

Remembering the 5 Themes

- If you can't remembering what they are just ask MR. HELP.

M – Movement

R – Regions

HE – Human Environment interaction

L – Location

P – Place

Location: Where Are We?

ABSOLUTE: exact location using longitude and latitude or a mailing address

RELATIVE: description of where something is located in relation to another place by using landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.

(near, across, north, south, close to, 3 blocks down)

Regions

How places are grouped together because they have something in common.

PHYSICAL: common land/**climate** features
(Biomes would be examples)

CULTURAL/HUMAN: common human traits:
language and **politics** would be examples.

Place:

**A specific location: defined by everything in it.
What is it like there? What kind of place is it?**

Human Characteristics

**What are the main languages,
customs, and beliefs?**

**How many people live, work, and
visit a place?**

**What have people created there?
Buildings, statues etc.**

Physical Characteristics

**Landforms (mountains, rivers, etc.),
climate, vegetation, wildlife, soil,
etc**

***A school is defined by the students,
teachers, classrooms, cafeteria,
books, maps, mops, languages,
and everything else in the school.***



Movement: How are people, goods, and ideas moved from place to place?

- > **Human (migration) & Goods (Import & Export) Movement**

- Trucks, Trains, Planes



- > **Information Movement**

- Phones, computer (email), mail

- > **Idea Movement**

- How do fads move from place to place?
TV, Radio, Magazines

Human-Environment Interaction: how humans and the environment interact.



HUMANS CHANGING THE ENVIROMENT - to meet needs
People modify our environment by heating and cooling buildings for comfort.

HUMANS ADAPT TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT.
We adapt to the environment by wearing clothing suitable for summer (shorts) and winter (coats), rain and shine.



HUMANS DEPEND ON THEIR ENVIRONMENT -
living next to a river for water, fishing, transportation



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So What?

By looking at something using the five themes we are able to see the big picture. We can better understand a culture by understanding how it affects and is affected by its geography.

Now its your turn...

On the following slides you will see pictures that show various parts of the five themes.

Decide which of the themes you think are represented in the picture and be ready to explain your answer.















