

THE 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

ge·og·ra·phy

1 : a science that deals with the description, distribution, and interaction of the diverse physical, biological, and cultural _____ of the _____ surface

IN PLAIN ENGLISH:

Geography is the _____ and everything on it.

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1. Location
2. Place
3. Human-Environment Interaction
4. Movement
5. Regions

1. _____: Where is it? Why is it located there?

- _____ Location
 - Is given in degrees of latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location). Ex. Paris, France is 48° North Latitude and 2° East Longitude.
 - The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
- _____ Location
 - Relative location depends upon _____. Eg. Near, far, a short drive.
 - Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.

2. _____: What is it like?

- _____ Characteristics
 - Landforms (mountains, plains, etc.), bodies of water (oceans, lakes, bays, etc.), ecosystems (soil, plants, animals, and climate)
- _____ Characteristics
 - Bridges, roads, buildings, culture, languages, beliefs.
 - All places have features that distinguish them from other places.

3. HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT _____: How do people interact with and change their environment?

- We _____ on the environment.
 - Ex. People depend on rivers for water and transportation.
- We _____ to the environment.
 - Ex. We adapt to the environment by wearing clothing suitable for summer (shorts) and winter (coats), rain and shine.
- We _____ the environment.
 - Ex. People modify their environment by heating and cooling buildings for comfort.

4. _____: How are people and places linked by communication and the flow of people, products and information/ideas?

- Movement of _____
 - Cars, Trucks, Trains, Planes
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- Movement of _____
 - Phones, computer (email), mail, TV, Radio, Magazines

5. _____: What are regions and how are they useful?

- Regions can be defined on the basis of _____ characteristics
- Geographers divide the world into regions to help them _____.

REMEMBERING THE 5 THEMES

If you can't remember what they are just ask _____!!!

M – Movement

R – Regions

HE – Human Environment interaction

L – Location

P - Place

SUMMARY CHART

