

Places To Go

All places have characteristics that give them meaning and character and distinguish them from other places on earth. Geographers describe places by their physical and human characteristics.

Physical characteristics include such elements as animal life and human characteristics of the landscape can be noted in architecture, patterns of livelihood, land use and ownership, town planning, and communication and transportation networks.

Languages, as well as religious and political ideologies, help shape the character of a place. Studied together, the physical and human characteristics of places provide clues to help us to understand the nature of places on the earth.

Object: The object of this exercise is to have you think about the physical and cultural characteristics that help define a specific place

Directions: In the table found below provide a description and a drawing of a specific place that you know or have visited. Be as descriptive as possible, but make sure that you do not identify the place in your description. Your drawing should demonstrate effort and quality of work, but should not overtly disclose its name with any kind of written signs or symbols (such as an Orchard Park Mall sign). When completed, share your description and drawing with a partner, have them read your description, examine your drawing and then guess as to whether they are right. Indicate their guess in the provided space and indicate whether they guessed right or not. Discuss specific references in your writing or in your drawing that gave clues to your partner.

You will be marked out of 5 for the quality of your description and inclusion of details and out of 5 for the quality of work and evidence of effort put into your drawing, for a total of 10 marks.

Written Description

Drawing



Partner's Guess

Were they Correct? (circle)

Yes

No