

The Five Themes of Geography

- **Location**
- **Place**
- **Human-Environmental Interactions**
- **Movement**
- **Regions**

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- **Location** - Where are we? is the question that the theme *Location* answers. Location may be absolute or it may be relative. These locations, whether relative or absolute, may be of people or places.
 - Relative locations are described by landmarks, time, direction or distance from one place to another and may associate a particular place with another.
 - Absolute location is a latitude and longitude (a global location) or a street address (local location).
 - **Latitude** is the distance on the earth's surface north or south from the equator.
 - **Longitude** is the distance on the earth's surface, measured east or west from the prime meridian at Greenwich, England,

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- **Place** - What kind of place is it?
 - Places have both human and physical characteristics
 - Physical characteristics include mountains, rivers, soil, beaches, and wildlife.
 - Human characteristics include human changes to the environment, like buildings, roads, clothing, and food habits.

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- **Human-Environmental Interactions**

How do humans and the environment affect each other?

- Humans adapt on the environment.
- Humans modify the environment.
- Humans depend to the environment.

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- **Movement** – How do people, things and ideas move from location to location?
 - Road
 - Cars
 - Horses
 - Walking
 - Mail
 - Shipping Routes
 - Air Travel
 - The Internet

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- **Regions** are areas that displays a broad similarity in terms of the government, language, or possibly the landform or situation.
 - Formal regions are those defined by governmental or administrative boundaries.
 - Functional regions are those defined by a function. If the function ceases to exist, the region no longer exists.
 - Vernacular regions are those loosely defined by people's perception.