

THE 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY



THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

- Location
- Place
- Human-Environment Interaction
- Movement
- Regions

LOCATION

Where are we?

- **Absolute Location**

- A latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location).

- Paris France is 48° North Latitude and 2° East Longitude.

- The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

- **Relative Location**

- Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.

- Go 1 mile west on main street and turn left for 1 block.

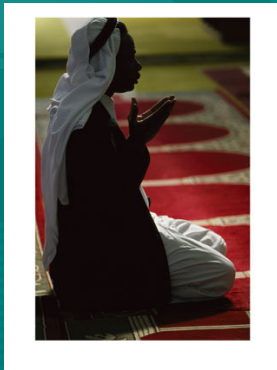


PLACE

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.



- **Physical Characteristics**

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



HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

- How do humans and the environment affect each other?

- We depend on it.

- People depend on the Tennessee River for water and transportation.



- We modify it.

- People modify our environment by heating and cooling buildings for comfort.



- We adapt to it.

- We adapt to the environment by wearing clothing suitable for summer (shorts) and winter (coats), rain and shine.



MOVEMENT

- How are people, goods, ideas moved from place to place?



- Human Movement

- Trucks, Trains, Planes

- Information Movement

- Phones, computer (email), mail

- Idea Movement

- How do fads move from place to place?

TV, Radio, Magazines



REGIONS

- **How are Regions similar to and different from other places?**
 - **Formal Regions**
 - Regions defined by governmental or administrative boundaries (States, Countries, Cities)
 - Regions defined by similar characteristics (Corn Belt, Rocky Mountain region, Chinatown).
 - **Functional Regions**
 - Regions defined by a function (newspaper service area, cell phone coverage area).
 - **Vernacular Regions**
 - Regions defined by peoples perception (middle east, the south, etc.)

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

Your assignment

- Describe you and your family using the 5 Themes of Geography.
- Make sure you use every theme.

