The 5 Themes of Geography

Chapter 1-Section 1
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• If you can remember this little saying, it will HELP you to remember the 5 Themes of Geography!
  – Movement
  – Region
  – Human-Environment Interaction
  – Location
  – Place
Theme 1: Location

• Where is It?
• Why is It There?

Two Types of Location

1. Absolute
2. Relative
Absolute Location

- A specific, exact place on the Earth’s surface
- Uses a grid system
- Latitude and longitude
- A global address
Relative Location

- Where a place is in relation to another place
- Uses directional words to describe the location
Relative Location (continued)

**Cardinal Directions**

Never
Eat
Slimy
Worms

**Intermediate Directions**
Theme 2: Place
Physical Characteristics

• Land Features
• Mountains, plains, and plateaus
• Climate
• Bodies of Water
Theme 2: Place

Human Characteristics

- People
- Culture
- Language
- Religion
- Architecture of Buildings and Landmarks
- Layout of Cities
Theme 3: Human Environment Interaction

How People Interact With Their Environment

People . . .

1. Adapt to Their Environment
2. Modify Their Environment
3. Depend on Their Environment

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Theme 4: Movement

The Mobility of
- People
- Goods
- Ideas

How Places are linked to one another and the world
Theme 5: Regions

What Places Have in Common

• Political Regions
• Landform Regions
• Agricultural Regions
• Cultural Regions