

# The 5 Themes of Geography

## 5 Ways to Look at the Earth

**LOCATION:** Geographers begin by describing where something is...its absolute or relative location.

**PLACE:** Geographers describe the physical and/or human features.

**HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION:** Geographers use this to stress how people affect their environment, the physical characteristics of their natural surroundings, and how their environment affects them.

**MOVEMENT:** This theme helps geographers understand the relationship among places. People, goods and ideas move from one place to another.

**REGION:** Geographers use the theme of regions to make comparisons. Regions have unifying characteristics, for example; climate, culture, or products.

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