

THE 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

BEFORE WE START...

WHEN YOU SEE THIS SIGN...



YOU CAN CLICK TO ENLARGE THE IMAGE OR GET
MORE INFORMATION!

GEOGRAPHY IS:

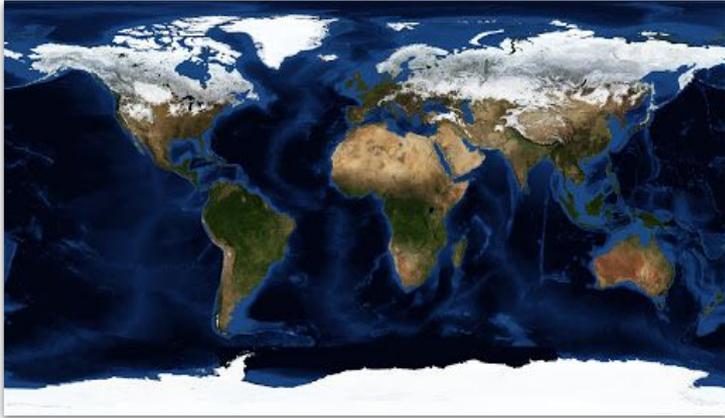
A science that deals with the description, distribution , and interaction of the diverse physical, biological, and cultural features of the earth's surface.

Source: Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary.



OKAY, LET'S TRANSLATE THAT INTO PLAIN ENGLISH!

Geography is the study of the earth's physical features and our interactions with them.



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1. Location
2. Place
3. Human-Environment Interaction
4. Movement
5. Regions



1: LOCATION: WHERE IS IT? WHY IS IT LOCATED THERE?

ABSOLUTE LOCATION

is given in degrees of latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location).

- Toronto Canada is 43.6532° North Latitude and, 79.3832° West Latitude.
- The Prime Minister's official residence is 24 Sussex Drive.

RELATIVE LOCATION:

- Depends upon point of reference. Eg. Near, far, a short drive.
- Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.



2. PLACE: WHAT IS IT LIKE?

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Landforms (mountains, plains, etc), bodies of water (oceans, lakes, bays, etc.), ecosystems (soils, plants, animals and climate).



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HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS: Bridges, roads, buildings, culture, languages, beliefs. All places have features that distinguish them from other places.



3. HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

HOW DO PEOPLE INTERACT WITH AND CHANGE THEIR ENVIRONMENT?

We **depend** on the environment. Ex. People depend on rivers for water and transportation.

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

We **modify** the environment. Ex. People modify their environment by heating and cooling buildings for comfort.



4. MOVEMENT

HOW ARE PEOPLE AND PLACES LINKED BY COMMUNICATION AND THE FLOW OF PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND INFORMATION/IDEAS?

Movement of **People**: migration (immigration and emigration) via cars, trains, planes, boats

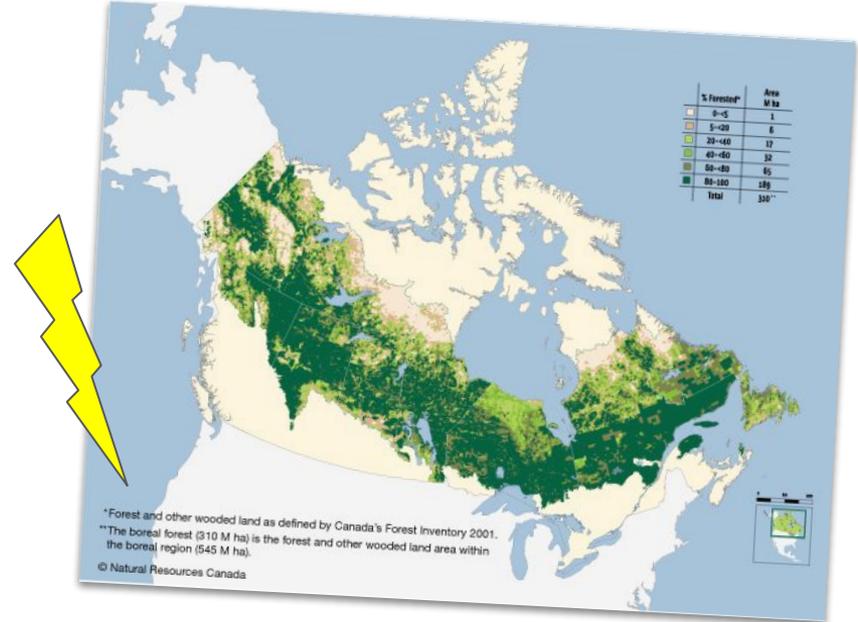
Movement of **Products**: cars, trucks, trains, planes

Movement of **Information/ideas**: Phones, internet, mail, TV, radio, magazines



5. REGIONS: WHAT ARE REGIONS AND HOW ARE THEY USEFUL?

Regions can be defined on the basis of physical and human characteristics. Geographers divide the world into regions to help them interpret information.



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IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER THE THEMES, CALL MR. HELP!

M: Movement (people, products, information)

R: Regions (grouping areas by characteristic)

HE: Human-Environment Interactions (the ways people shape and are impacted by their environment).

L: Location (absolute and relative location)

P: Place (physical features and human features)

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

Your task: Explore your community to find examples of each theme.

1. **Take a picture** to represent each theme. **If you can't take your own picture, find images & post them w/ the reference underneath.**
2. **Post your pictures** in a Google Document.
3. **Explain** how each picture represents each of the 5 themes.

