

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY





WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?

- ◆ Greek word that means writing about or describing the earth.
- ◆ The study of people, places and things; where they are located and how they relate to each other.



The 5 Themes of Geography

Location

Location of a place. Types; absolute and relative.

Place

Unique characteristic of a place.

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How people change and adapt to the environment.

Movement

Movement of people, goods, and ideas between places.

Region

The differences and similarities of places.



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5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

- ◆ Location
 - Location of a place
 - Types; absolute and relative
- ◆ Place
 - Unique characteristic of a place
- ◆ Human Environment Interaction
 - How people change and adapt to the environment
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ABSOLUTE LOCATION

- ◆ Absolute location
 - Exact position on the globe
 - Latitude and longitude coordinates
 - Latitude measures north and south
 - Longitude measures east and west



LOCATION

- ◆ Brainstorm: When might absolute location be important and why?



LOCATION CONTINUED

- ◆ Relative location
 - Where the location is in relationship to another location





PLACE

- ◆ Unique physical characteristics
 - Landforms, vegetation, climate
- ◆ Human Characteristics
 - How many people live, work, and visit the place
 - Urban growth, farming techniques, architectural styles, and politics

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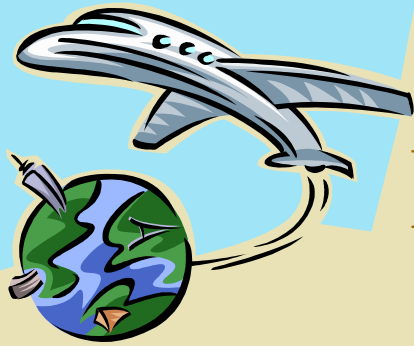


HUMAN ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

- ◆ Humans have made enormous changes in their environment.
- ◆ How have people changed the environment?

What kind of impacts do you think humans may have had on this environment?

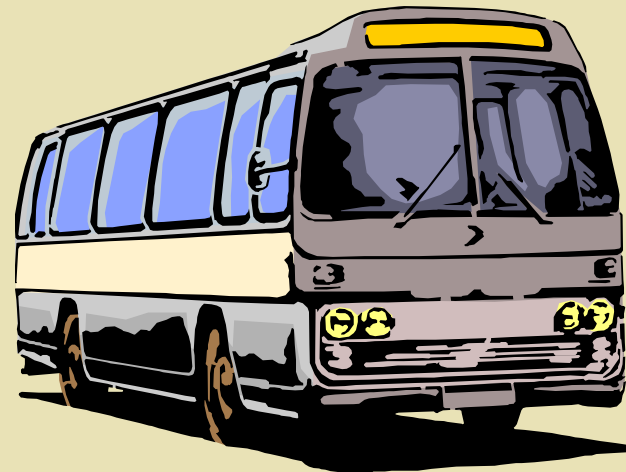




MOVEMENT



- ◆ How do people, goods and ideas move between places?
- ◆ Freeways, traffic, buses, airports, the internet, boats, etc.





REGIONS

- ◆ Regions = groups of places with at least one common characteristic
- ◆ Formal regions
 - States, cities, etc.
- ◆ Functional regions
 - One central place and the surrounding places affected by it



On page 12 of your ISN...cross out the directions

- ◆ Describe the city of Murrieta in light of the 5 themes of geography.
 1. absolute location
 2. relative location
 3. human characteristics
 4. physical characteristics
 5. humans adapting, modifying, depending on the environment
 6. movement or people, goods, ideas
 7. formal region
 8. functional region



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