



FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

An interactive
notebook unit that
includes exploratory
activities and
notebook flippables!

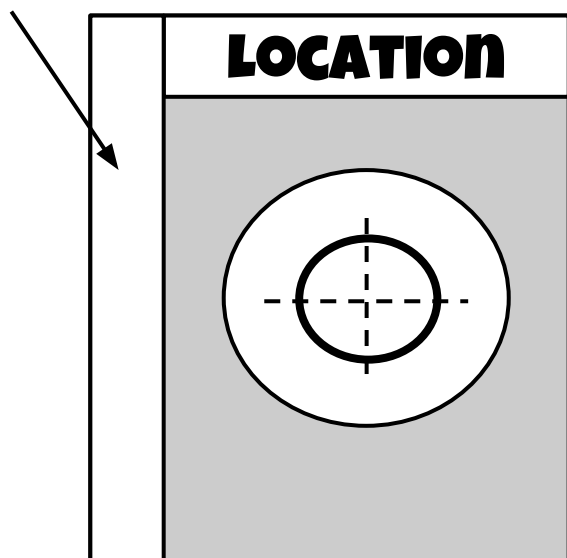


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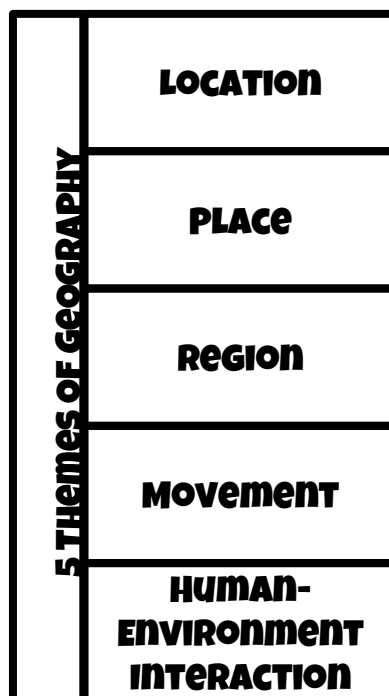
Want to get your kids engaged with the five themes of geography? Well, you've come to the right place! Included in this unit you will find:

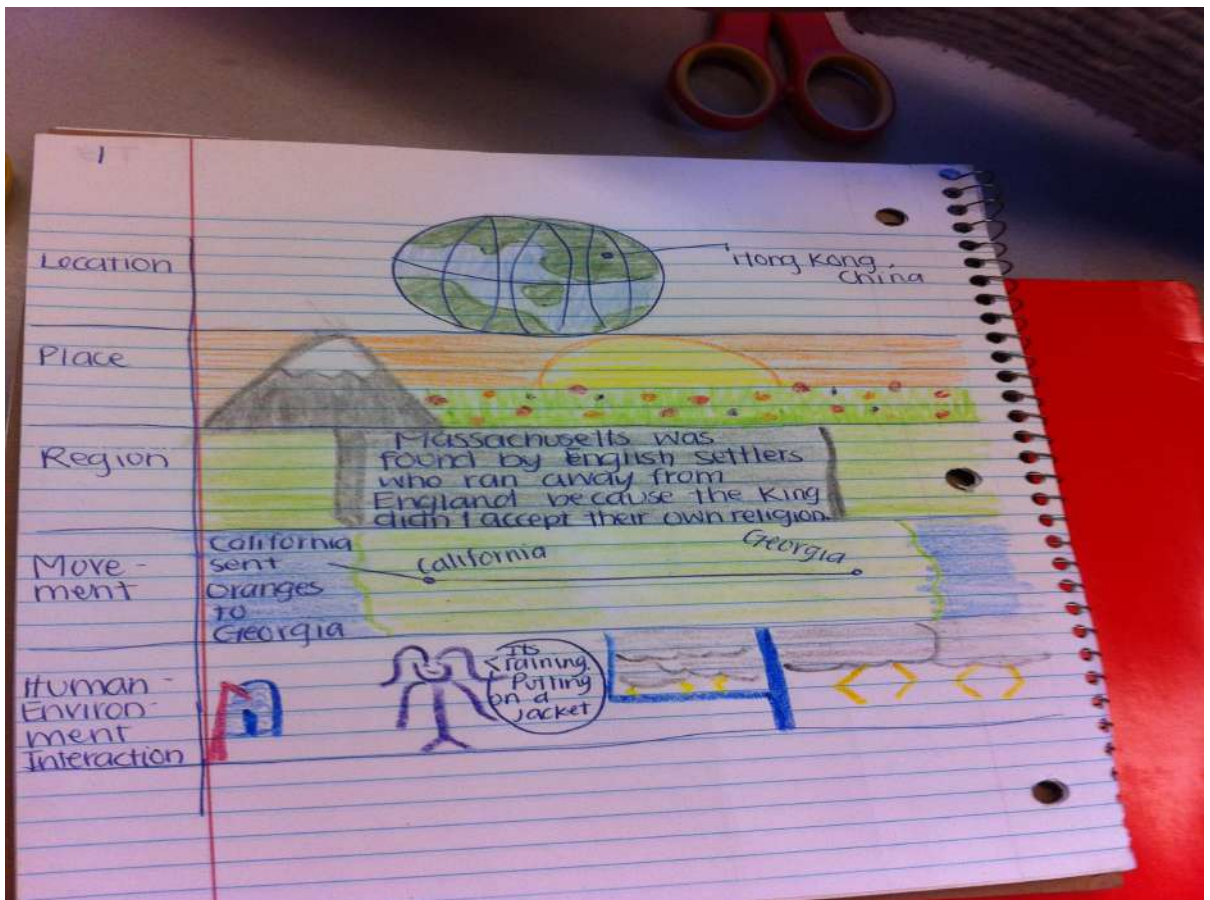
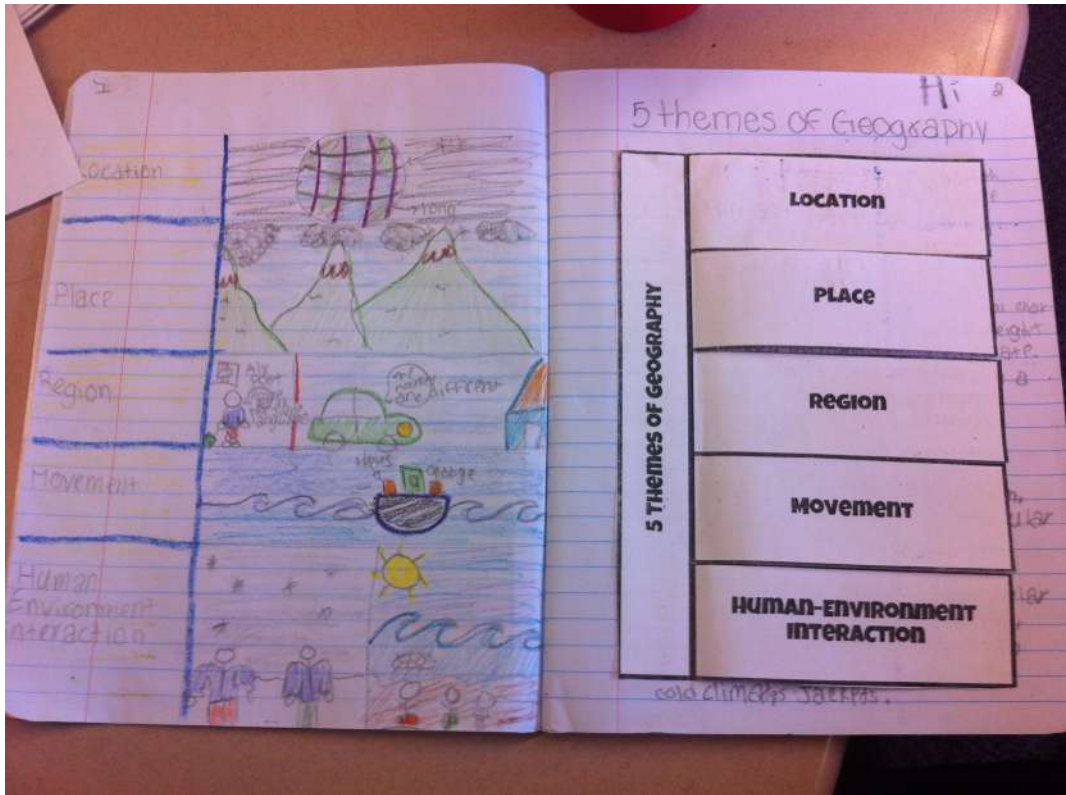
1. A reading on the five themes of geography that is sized to be put into an interactive notebook.
2. A notebook flippable that students can use to take notes on each theme and illustrate them for better understanding.
3. A short quiz for formative assessment.
4. Four exploratory activities for students to test out their newly acquired knowledge. Included are four post cards describing different places in the United States. In each postcard, three different themes of geography are described. This would work great as a station activity or a museum activity where these are hung around the classroom. They are also sized to fit into a notebook.
5. An answer key for the post card activity.
6. A PowerPoint Presentation for whole group correction of the postcards.
7. Black and white flippables for each theme. Students could glue these into their notebooks and describe the different examples they are gathering from the postcards.
8. A color set of the flippables.
9. A final project and rubric that asks the students to create a new place in the world based on the five themes.

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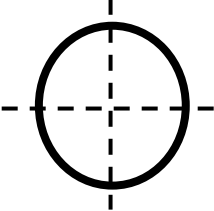
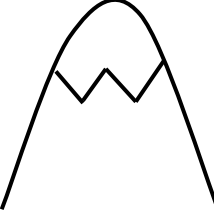
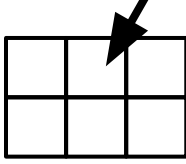

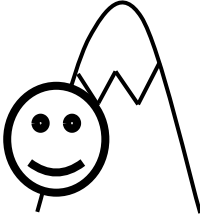
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THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the earth, it's land, it's people and it's environments. When you study geography, you should be looking at five distinct themes.

LOCATION		Location describes where something is on earth. You can have absolute location , which describes exactly where it is located. To do this you could use degrees of latitude and longitude or an exact address. You can also describe a place using relative location . This is when you describe it in relation to another place. You might say it is near, above, west of, etc.
PLACE		Place describes the physical and human characteristics of a place. Physical characteristics are things like terrain, height above sea level, landforms and climate. One human characteristic, a place has, is population.
REGION		Region describes the similarities you may find in a place. These can include language, culture and similar historical background.
Movement		Movement describes how people, goods, information and culture got to a particular place.
HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION		Human - Environment Interaction describes how humans have changed a particular place (such as through canals, highways, etc.) and how humans adapt to the environment around them (like wearing jackets in cold climates).

Directions: Cut out the entire flippable. Cut the lines in between each theme up to the side bar. Place glue on the back of the sidebar and glue into notebook.

5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

LOCATION

PLACE

REGION

MOVEMENT

**HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT
INTERACTION**

OMG! I am having an amazing time in New York. I have visited beautiful lakes and gorgeous mountains. We then went to the south and rode on the subway which cuts right under the city! We went to Ellis Island today and learned all about how New York has such a diverse population because about twenty five million immigrants entered the United States from here. Wish you were here!



Postcard 1

After driving all night we have finally arrived in Atlanta (the GPS says we are at $(33.7489^\circ \text{ N}, 84.3900^\circ \text{ W})$). It is hot here... so hot some people call it Hotlanta! Being from the north I find it so interesting that almost everyone here speaks with a southern accent. It is so much different from New England! Can't wait to see you again!



Postcard 2

Hello there! I am writing to you from fabulous Los Angeles, California. There are sooooo many people here. I did some research and found out it's the second most populated city in the United States. So many of these people aren't originally from California; they traveled from all over the world to come here to try to be successful in the entertainment industry. Los Angeles lies south of San Francisco. Cool, huh? I can't wait to go to the beach.

Postcard 3



We are having an amazing time taking our road trip through New England. Although there are six different states, they are all connected by a similar historical background. Most of New England was founded by British colonists. Since it is January and really cold here, people tend to wear a lot of layers and even their roofs are slanted so the snow falls off. The region of New England is located east of New York state. While we're here, I think I'm going to go skiing!

Postcard 4



Answer Key

Each postcard includes three of the five themes of geography.

Postcard 1:

gorgeous lakes and mountains - **Place**
subway that cuts right under the city - **Human - Environment Interaction**
Ellis Island - **Movement**

Postcard 2:

Atlanta (the GPS says we are at (33.7489° N, 84.3900° W). - **Location**
The heat - **Place**
Southern accent - **Region**

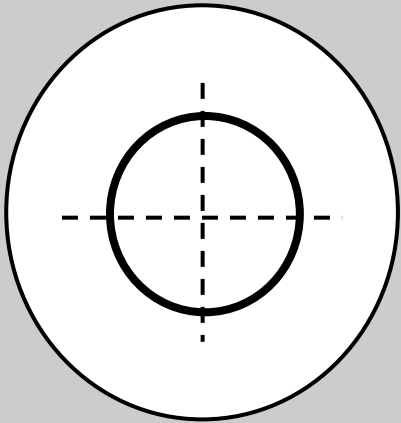
Postcard 3:

Population of Los Angeles - **Place**
People came to LA for the entertainment industry - **Movement**
Los Angeles south of San Francisco - **Location**

Postcard 4:

Similar history - **Region**
Layers and slanted roofs - **Human - Environment Interaction**
East of New York - **Location**

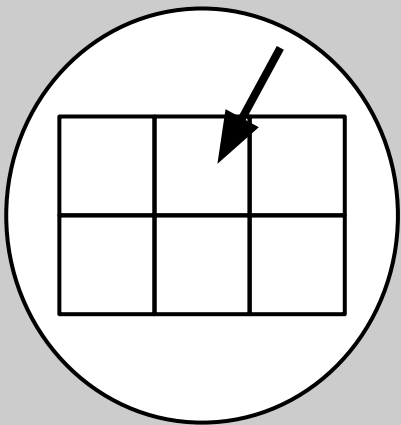
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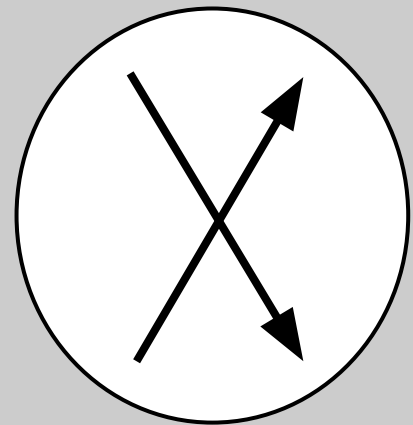
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REGION



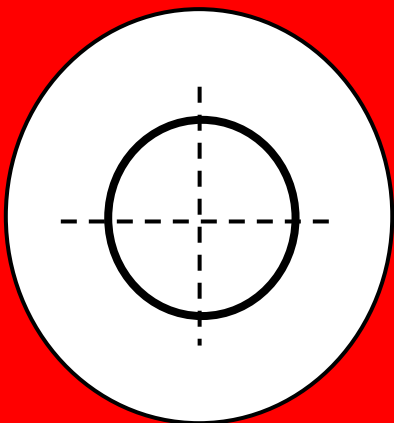
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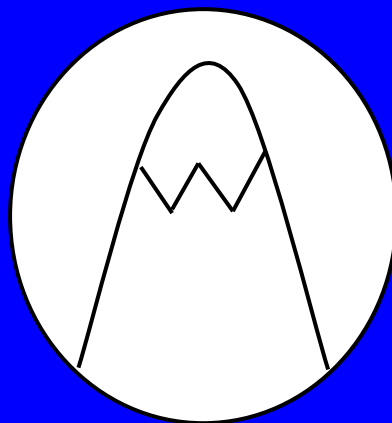
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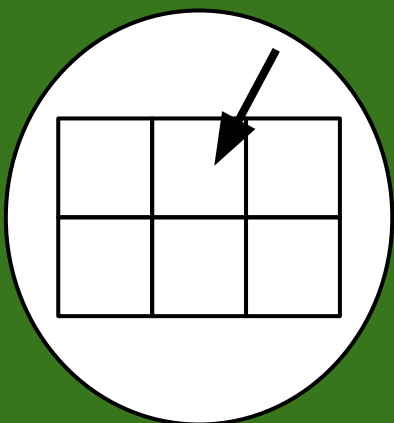
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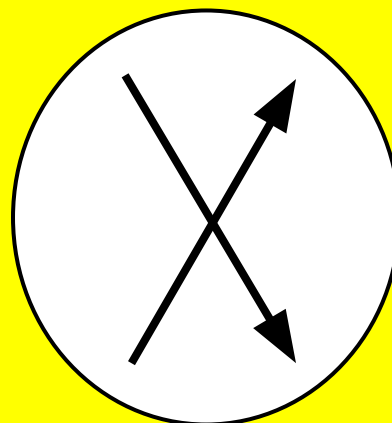
PLACE



REGION



Movement



HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION



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