

# The Five Themes of Geography

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Geography is the study of Earth and how people live and work on Earth. Where people live affects every part of their life, from the foods they eat to the jobs they can do. There are five main ideas people use to study geography. These five themes of geography help us to look at the importance of a place in our lives.



## Location

### Where is it?

Location tells exactly where a place is located. It can include latitude and longitude, cardinal directions, addresses, or even just the words "next to."



## Place

### What does it look like?

Place is the part of an area you see. It includes landforms, rivers, and buildings in a city.



## Human/Environment Interaction

### How do people use or change the land?

Human/Environment Interaction is how people use or change the environment, the area in which they live. It looks at where people have parks, build cities, or farm.



## Movement

### How do people, goods, and ideas move from one place to another?

Movement looks at how and why things move. It looks at why people leave a country, how goods are moved, and how both affect the land or the people.



## Regions

### How are different areas in a region alike?

Regions looks at the way an area is divided. Places within a region have characteristics that are the same. Often areas are grouped into a region because the people share a language, people do the same kind of work, or the landforms are the same.