



World Geography

The Five Themes of Geography

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Directions: Use the following note sheet to follow along with the class discussion and makes notes as necessary

- **Location – The ways of describing where something is**
 - **Absolute Location:** Exactly where something is.
 - Ex. Latitude and Longitude or Addresses
 - **Relative Location:** The location of something as related to the location of something else.
 - Ex. Portugal is just west of Spain
- **Place – The ways of describing and identifying the characteristics of an area**
 - **Physical Characteristics:** The natural identifying features of a particular area.
 - Ex. Climate, Weather, Terrain, etc...
 - **Human Characteristics:** The man-made identifying features of a particular area.
 - Ex. Buildings, Transportation Networks, Urban/Rural, etc...
- **Regions – The ways of sub-dividing the World into smaller areas**
 - **Formal Regions:** Areas in which certain measurable characteristics are found throughout
 - Ex. Chinatown in New York City
 - **Functional Regions:** Central Place and area around which is affected by it or uses its services
 - Ex. The Functional area of Heathrow vs Gatwick Airports in London
 - **Perceptual Regions:** Defined by People's feelings and attitudes about an area
 - Ex. Would you include Egypt as part of the "Middle East"?
- **Movement – The spread of people, goods, and ideas around the world**
 - **Migration:** People moving around the Earth's surface
 - Ex. The impact of people from Turkey moving to Germany
 - **Transportation:** The physical movement of goods around the Earth
 - Ex. Coca-Cola's presence across the world
 - **Communication:** The spread of ideas across spaces
 - Ex. The impact of skype on allowing for global communication
- **Human-Environment Interaction – How the Human world and the physical world impact each other**
 - **Adaptations:** Changes humans have made to survive in their environments
 - Ex. The Chukchi's use of Reindeer furs to survive harsh Russian winters
 - **Impacts:** How human activities change the environment, and how environmental changes impact humans
 - Ex. Human's causing global warming
 - **Resources:** How humans use the Earth's natural resources for the own benefits
 - Ex. Use of coal to create energy