

The 5 Themes of Geography

The Five themes of Geography make it EASY to analyze any place on Earth!



Location

Where on Earth is it?

Give exact or absolute locations by using latitude and longitude. Give relative locations by describing what's nearby. For example, New York City is on the east coast of the United States.



Place

What are its characteristics? What's it like? What makes it unique?

New York City is home to the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and millions of diverse people.



Movement

How do people, goods, and ideas get from place to place?

Many New Yorkers ride the subway, reading the New York Times on the way.



Human / Environment Interaction

How do the people change the environment? How does the environment affect how people live?

In 2012, Hurricane Sandy caused a lot of damage in New York.



Regions

How is it divided into areas of similar characteristics? What other places does it share characteristics with?

New York is divided into five boroughs. Wall Street is a financial "region" in NY.