

5 Themes of Geography

1. Location

- Absolute – exact position on the earth (using longitude and latitude)
- Relative - relationship of one place to other places
(Our school is next to the police station.)

2. Place

- Physical geography – study of earth's surface, weather, plant and animal life
- Cultural geography – study of earth's peoples and how groups of people live

3. Human-Environment Interaction

- How we interact with our community (Think about the seasons)
- How we earn a living (farm, fish, ski resort, lifeguard,

4. Regions (vary in size)

- Area with common geographic or cultural features that make it different from other areas
- Ex. Philadelphia region is similar to other big cities.

5. Movement - Of people, goods, and ideas

- People move through most areas by truck, car, train, plane, bike, walking, bus, ship, skateboard, etc.
- Goods (products) move by truck, train, ship, car, etc.
- Ideas move by phone, internet, mail, e-mail, fax, IM, etc.