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THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

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LOCATION

Where is it?
Why is it located there?



- Absolute location is given in degrees of latitude and longitude.
- Relative location depends upon point of reference, e.g., near, far, a short drive.

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PLACE

What is it like?



- Physical Characteristics - landforms (mountains, plains, etc.), bodies of water (oceans, lakes, bay, etc.), ecosystems (soil, plants, animals, and climate).
- Human Characteristics - bridges, roads, buildings, culture, language.

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HUMAN/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

How do people interact with and change their environment?



- Depend on the environment.
- Adapt to the environment.
- Modify the environment.

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MOVEMENT

How are people and places linked by communication and the flow of people, ideas, and goods?



- Transportation, communication, trade.
- Patterns of movement such as migration.
- Linkages and connections.

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REGIONS

What are their unifying features and how do they form and change over time?



- Regions a basic unit for **geographic study**.
- **Geographers divide** the world into regions to help them interpret.
- Regions can be **defined on the basis of**: physical and human characteristics.