5 Themes of Geography

PLACE

What is it like? Place:

1. Climate example: humid, tropical

2. Physical features example: mts., rivers, vegetation

3. Man-made features example: buildings, dams, bridges

4. Human characteristics example: food, clothing, languages

HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

Human-Environment Interactions: How do people relate to their environment?

- 1. How do people depend example: farming, fishing, mining, on their environment? tourism
- 2. How do people adapt example: igloos, irrigation, to their environment? clothing
- 3. How do people change example: roads, canals, harbors the environment?

LOCATION

Location: Where is it located?

Absolute Location—Latitude example: New York City 1. 40°N 74°W

and Longitude

2. **Relative Location—near** example: New York is on the what other places, north or Atlantic coast. south of what other places New York is north of

Pennsylvania.

MOVEMENT

Movement: How are people, goods, and ideas moved?

1. Transportation example: railroads, ships, planes

2. Communications example: telephones, computers, TV

REGIONS

Regions: How are areas linked together?

1. Political example: North America, U.S.A

2. Physical features example: climate zones, deserts 3. Cultural features example: languages, religions

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