The Five Themes of Geography

1. Location: Where is it?
   A. Absolute location: the point where 2 lines intersect (latitude & longitude, streets, addresses)
   B. Relative location: where it is in relation to something else (north of.., across from.. etc.)

2. Place: What’s it like there?
   A. Physical characteristics (landforms, bodies of water, climate, soil, natural vegetation, animal life)
   B. Human characteristics (population density, language patterns, religion, culture, political systems)

3. Human/Environment Interaction: What is the relationship between humans and their environment?
   A. How humans depend on the environment (basic needs: food, shelter, clothing)
   B. How humans modify the environment (construct dams, plow & irrigate fields, dig mines, build houses, schools, and shipping centers)
   C. How humans adapt to the environment (air conditioning in the southwestern U.S.)

4. Movement: How and why are places connected with one another?
   A. Transportation and communications systems (highways, rivers, air & ship routes, telephone lines)
   B. People (ideas, food, language)
   C. Physical Systems (wind, rain, weather)

5. Regions: How and why is one area similar to, or different from, another area?
   A. Physical characteristics: climate, landforms (the desert southwest, the peaks and valleys of the Rocky Mountains)
   B. Human characteristics: economic & political systems, social & cultural concerns (Quebec, the South, Scandinavia)
Arizona Books
Sara Jenkins

Acona, Jorge. Pablo Recuerda: La fiesta del día de los muertos. 1993. During the three-day celebration of the Day of the Dead, a young Mexican boy and his family make elaborate preparations to honor the spirits of the dead.


Alcala Company. Cotton’s Journey: From Seed to You. A Field Trip in a Box.


Ancona, George. Sheep Dog. 1985. 0-688-04118-3. Describes the various breeds of dogs used to guard and herd sheep, explains how they work, and discusses the importance of these dogs to the sheep industry.


Arizona GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE
Ethnobotanists study interactions between humans and the plants in their environment—palm fronds woven into hats and baskets, toxic plants domesticated into familiar foods such as potatoes, and the wild-harvested medicines of Native American healers.

Describes the life of the Mexican president who instituted many social reforms and led his country in a war of independence.

This account reveals the details of Anasazi daily life, religion, arts, and democratic government as well as their influence on other tribes.

From the 1820s to the early 1840s fur trappers or mountain men traveled into the uncharted Rocky and Sierra Nevada mountains, living dangerously and drawing legends to themselves.

*Before You Came This Way*. 1969.
Poetic text and outstanding illustrations based on prehistoric Indian rock drawings evoke a feeling of times past.
*The Desert is Theirs*. 1975. 0-684-4266-X.
*Everybody Needs a Rock*. 1974. 0-684-13899-9
Authentic designs found on ancient pottery shards, shown in this poetic picture book, reflect the prehistoric times of the Southwestern Indians.
*Your Own Best Secret Place*. 1979.
Considers the pleasures to be found in one’s very own private place, whether it be a hollow in a tree, a sandy gully, or a secret sad dune. 0-684-16111-7.


Behrens, June. *¡Fiesta! Cinco de mayo*. 1985. 0-516-38815-0.
Descripción de la conmemoración de la victoria del ejército mexicano sobre el ejército francés el 5 de mayo de 1862, victoria que señaló el fin de las incursiones europeas en la América del Norte.


Terrified of failing and convinced that he is stupid, a fifth grader who has never learned to read begins to gain self-confidence with the help of an outgoing new girl next door.
*Tarantula Shoes*. 1995. 0-14-037955-X
No one asked Ryan if he wanted to move from Arizona to Kentucky....

Geraldine, a goat, describes each step as she and her Navajo friend make a rug, from the hair clipping and carding to the dyeing and actual weaving.  0-02-71-920-8


Brook, Richard.  Mystery of the Mesa.  1993.  USDILBM.
       Science in Process: Discovering the Past at Santa Cruz.  1992.  USDILBM.
       Some Like it Hot.  1997.  USDILBM.
       Understanding Ecosystem Management.  1994.  USDILBM.

       Two brothers go in search of monsters who haunt their people’s village.  Navajo legend.


Bruchac, Joseph.  Flying with the Eagle, Racing the Great Bear.  1993.  0-8167-3027-X.  A collection of traditional tales which present the heritage of various Indian nations.

       Mathematics from Many Cultures.  Grade 5.  0-7327-1470-2


Casa Grande Valley Cotton wives.  Cotton for Kids Young an Old.  Video

       Lizard Tales, Speeding tortoises, Sonoran Field Trip, Fangs & Stingers, Terrible Tigers of the Desert, Counting Bugs & Birds, Crosslinks: Numbers, Bites, and Stings, Thermoregulation

       This is about the Cactus Wren, a little bird that first came to the American southwest in search of a place to build its nest.  0-938243-01.


Cobb, Vicki.  *This Place is Dry: Arizona’s Sonoran Desert*.  1989.
Surveys the living conditions in Arizona’s Sonora Desert for the people and unusual animals that live there.  Also describes the engineering accomplishment of Hoover Dam.0-8027-7400-8


De Ruiz, Dana Catharine.  *La Causa: the migrant farmworkers story*.  1993.  0-8114-72231-0.  Describes the efforts in the 1960s of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta to organize migrant workers in California into a union which became the United Farm workers.


Chronicles the life of a ten-year-old Navajo boy and his blind grandmother living in the Monument Valley of Utah.


Discusses the traditional daily life of the Apaches and Navajos –531-15602-8.


A coloring book.

Two brothers attempt to survive in the desert outside Scottsdale, Arizona, after they are abandoned there following a carjacking.  0-87358-664-6


As a young Navajo boy brings his family’s sheep home one evening, he discovers one is missing and sets out to rescue it before nightfall.  0-89-31809-X

Frederick, Shirley.  Hoop Dancers.  0-7362-0648-5.

Dezbah’s dream is to become the first Navajo girl to win an Olympic Gold Medal but she is hit by a truck and finds that she is unable to walk.  0-9638851-2-X
The Old Hogan.  1985.  0-944936-00-8

Garcia, Santiago and Teresa Mayoral.  Emiliano Zapata.  84-241-5391-X.

Explains how the animal and human inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, including a mountain lion, a roadrunner, a coyote, a tortoise, and members of the Papago Indian tribe, adapt to and survive the desert’s merciless heat.0-690-04341-4


A counting rhyme with illustrations of rabbits in rain dances, hunting, and smoke signals. Includes a glossary with additional information on the customs.  0-87701-552-X


Hassell, Sandy. Know the Navajo. 1949.


Jessie and her new companions are having the time of their lives floating beneath sheer red walls, exploring unknown caves and dangerous waterfalls, and plunging through the Grand Canyon’s roaring rapids. 0-44--22673-2.

Kokopelli’s Flute. 1995. 0-689-31974-6. Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American magic.


Hofsinde, Robert. Indian Games and Crafts. 1957.
Information about Indian games and how they were played, with instructions for making the pieces needed to play.

Explore this magnificent park and its astounding ecological diversity as you take an entertaining and educational journey through the Grand Canyon.


Arizona author. Because he doesn’t listen carefully to what the Great Spirit tells him about each of the animals, he is supposed to lead to their desert homes, Jackrabbit causes much unhappiness with his careless answers to the animals’ questions. 0-87358-566-6


This book introduces the farming of sheep for wool, covering such aspects as shearing, lambs, sheep dogs, wool processing, farm maintenance, and the proper care of sheep.


Describes the process of making blue jeans from the harvesting of cotton through the weaving of cloth and sewing the finished product.


Because she does not sew, cook, or dance like a “proper señorita,” Frida cannot please her mother until she saves the day at the fiesta with her special talent.


Describes some of the religious customs and beliefs of various North and South American Indian tribes.


As he prepares to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a young boy remembers all the things he liked about his favorite uncle. 0-8075-7585-2.


Legends first told by the ancestors of the Pima and Papago Indians that deal with creation and nature.


Maricopa County DOCD & ES.  *Desert Survival*.


National Cotton Council of America.  *Cotton, from Field to Fabric*.  
*The Story of Cotton*.

Arizona Mining Association.  Integrated Learning Activities.


National Science Foundation.  *Kitt Peak National Observatory*.


Newman, Sandra Corrie.  *Indian Basket Weaving.* 1974
How to weave Pomo, Yurok, Pima and Navajo baskets. 0-87358-112-1.


Text and photographs follow two sheep shearsers through their day of rounding up sheep, shearing them, and bundling the fleeces, and establish connections between the fleeces and the wool making up many articles of clothing.

Patraw, Pauline.  *Flowers of the Southwest Mesas.* 1964.  Common and conspicuous plants of the Upper Sonoran Zone, the “Pinyon-Juniper Woodland” of the Southwest.

Two boys, separated by the canyons of time and two vastly different cultures, face the challenges by which they become men.


Perl, Lila.  *Piñatas and Paper Flowers: Holidays of the Americas in English and Spanish.* 1983.  Brief descriptions of several Hispanic holidays as they are celebrated in North, Central, and South America. 0-89919-112-6


A photographic account of the work of a wildlife biologist who specializes in scorpions.


Rieske, Bill.  *Navajo and Hopi Dyes.* 1974. 0-910584-49-4


The story of Tucson Under the Spanish Flag. Coloring pages.

Brief coverage of all aspects of Arizona history with learning activities for classroom use.

Songs from the Loom: A Navajo Girl Learns to Weave. 1995. 0-8225-9712-8

The Hohokam Story. Video. 7 minutes.
Trek Through Time.

Schroeder, Albert and Homer Hastings. Montezuma Castle. 11961.


Videotape and Teacher Plans. (Apr.94). Corn in the lives of Native Americans, corn, diabetes.

A Pima Indian retells her favorite legends about coyote and the Great Flood.


Make a model of a Pueblo village. 0-486-27228-1


Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk. The Navajos. 1993. 0-8234-1039-0
Provides an overview of the history, culture, and ways of life of the Navajo, or Pueblo, Indians.


Storad, Conrad J.  Ancient Harvest.  0-9660293-4-8
Don’t Call me Pig! A Javelina Story.  1999.  1-91795-01-5  Arizona author.
Little Lords of the Desert.  0-9660293-2-1.
Sonoran Desert A to Z Coloring Learning Book.  0-9660293-6-4.


An illustrated introduction to the ancient people, with chapters about the Mogollon, Hohokam, Sinagua, Salado, Cohonina, Patayan, and Anasazi.


Vick, Helen Hughes.  Walker’s Journey Home.  1995.  1-5140-000-1 Still trapped in ancient times, fifteen-year-old Walker reluctantly accepts the responsibility of leading a group of Indians on a difficult and dangerous journey across the high desert country of northern Arizona to a new home on the Hopi mesas.
Walker of Time.  1993.  A fifteen-year-old Hopi boy and his freckled companion travel back 800 years to the world of the Sinagua culture, a group of people beset by drought and illness and in need of a leader.
Tag Against Time. 1996. 1-57140-006-0 Twelve-year-old Tag struggles with himself and encounters historical figures and events as he time-travels from the ancient cliff-dwellers period to the present.


Washburn, Wilma and R. Vernon Hays. Foods the Indians Gave Us. 1973. Interesting facts about some common foods such as potatoes, peanuts, and corn which were introduced to the early settlers by the Indians, with a sampling of recipes.

Weaver, Dorothy. Arizona A to Z. 1994. 0-87358-564-X.


Werner, Jane. Walt Disney’s Living Desert. 1954.


Willeford, Daisy. Copper Miner’s Wife. 1996.


Geography Trade Books
Regions of the United States

SOUTHEAST

Borden, Louise. Just in Time for Christmas. 0590453556 A young boy, living in rural Kentucky, looks forward to the annual Christmas festivities, especially the traditional family cream candy; but, when his favorite dog disappears, he comes to realize that tradition and family have a deeper meaning.
Costello, Emily. *Realm of the Panther: A Story of South Florida’s Forests*. 1568998481 In Florida’s Big Cypress National Preserve, two hungry panther kittens go in search of food and succeed in their first hunt without their mother.

Giovanni, Nikki. *Knoxville, Tennessee*. 0590470744 Describes the joys of summer spent with family in Knoxville: eating vegetables right from the garden, going to church picnics, and walking in the mountains.

Hershey, Kathleen. *Cotton Mill Town*. 0525449663 A visit to Grandmama provides lyrical moments of peace and pleasure, picking huckleberries or catching tadpoles in the goldfish pond.

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*. 0689800762 In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers.

LeTord, Bijou. *Picking & Weaving*.

Littlesugar, Amy. *Freedom School, Yes!* 0399230068 When their house is attacked because her mother volunteered to take in the young white woman who has come to teach black children at the Freedom School, Jolie is afraid, but she overcomes her fear after learning the value of education.

McKissack, Patricia. *Mirandy and Brother Wind*. 0440840732

Rylant, Cynthia. *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds*. 0440846854 When I was Young in the Mountains. 0525441980 The story of a very special Appalachian childhood, illumined with perceptively happy painting, evokes the love of a place, of a family, and above all, of a way of life.

San Souci, Robert D. *The Boy and the Ghost*. 0440843189.

Taulbert, Clifton. *Little Cliff and the Porch People*. 0803721749 Sent to buy special butter for Mama Pearl’s candied sweet potatoes and told to get back lickety-split, Little Cliff is delayed by all his neighbors when they want to contribute their own ingredients.


**SOUTHWEST**


Anzaldua, Gloria. *Prietita and the Ghost Woman*. 0892391367 Prietita, a young Mexican American girl, becomes lost in her search for an herb to cure her mother and is aided by the legendary ghost woman. (Eng./Span.)


Cordova, Amy. *Abuelita’s Heart*. 0689801815 Before returning to the city with her parents, a young girl walks with her grandmother, learning about the special feelings, places, and plants that are part of her heritage and the Southwestern desert where Abuelita lives.

Hayes, Joe. *A Spoon for Every Bite*. 0531094995 A poor husband and wife ask their rich neighbor to be godfather of their child, and once they are compadres, prey upon his pride and extravagance to trick him out of his fortune.

James, Betsy. *The Mud Family*. 0399225498 A drought threatens to force Sosi’s family to move from their canyon, unless she can bring rain with her dancing.

McLerran, Alice. *Roxaboxen*. 0590468235

Roessel, Monty. *Songs from the Loom: A Navajo Girl Learns to Weave*. 0822597128

Webb, Denise. *The Same Sun was in the Sky*. 0873586026 A boy and his grandfather go hiking in the Arizona desert, where they observe the many rock carvings and imagine the lives of the Hohokam people who lived there in ancient times.

**NORTHEAST**

Bartone, Elisa, *Peppe The Lamplighter*. 0590205900 Peppe’s father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood.

De Angeli, Marguerite. *Yoni Wonderrnose*. 0440842867

Cherry, Lynne. *A River Ran Wild*. 044083385X

Cooney, Barbara. *Island Boy*. 0440840392

Demas, Corinne. *The Disappearing Island*. 06890539X To celebrate her ninth birthday, Carrie’s grandmother takes her boat to Billingsgate Island off Cape Cod, an island that is visible only during low tides.

Dionetti, Michelle. *Coal Mine Peaches*. 0531059480 Beginning with her grandfather’s boyhood in Italy, a young girl describes his arrival in the United States and the life he lived with her grandmother and their children and grandchildren.

Dodd, Anne Wescott. *The Story of the Sea Glass* 082724161 When Nicole finds a beautiful piece of red sea glass on the beach, her grandmother Nana tells her a story from her own childhood of a broken red vase, which may have been the origin of this seaglass. Includes information about sea glass and instructions for making a sea glass sun-catcher.


Howard, Elizabeth. *What’s in Aunt Mary’s Room?* 0395698456 While visiting their Great-Aunt Flossie, two sisters get a chance to see what family treasures are stored in a locked room there.
How hard, Ginger. *William’s House.* 0761316744 Arriving in New England in 1637, William is determined to recreate his home in England but realizes that climate requires modification to it.

Lakin, Patricia. *Hurricane.* 0761316167 A girl and her father prepare their beach cottage for the coming hurricane, which topples their swing tree and washes away their stairs. Includes section of hurricane facts.

Lasky, Kathryn. *Sugaring Time.* 068971081X Text and photographs show how a family taps the sap from maple trees and processes it into maple syrup.

Levinson, Riki. *I go with My Family to Grandma’s.* 044084218

Littlesugar, Amy. *Tree of Hope.* 0399233008 Florrie’s daddy used to be a stage actor in Harlem before the Depression forced the Lafayette Theater to close, but he gets a chance to act again when Orson Wells reopens the theater to stage an all-black version of Macbeth.

Locker, Thomas. *Family Farm.* 0803704895 A farm family nearly loses their home until they hit on the idea of growing and selling pumpkins and flowers to supplement their corn and milk sales (Not sure if this is Northeast?)

Maestro, Betsy & Giulio. *Ferryboat.* 0690945190 A family crosses a river on a ferryboat and observes how the ferry operates.

McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal.* 670050024

*Burt Dow Deep-Water Man.* 0440840279

*One Morning in Maine.* 0140501745

McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Bobbin Girl.* A ten-year-old bobbin girl working in a textile mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1830’s, must make a difficult decision—will she participate in the strike? Myers, Walter Dean. *Harlem.* 0590543407

Provensen, Alice and Martin. *Shaker Lane.* 0670815683 When the town decides to build a reservoir on their land, the residents of Shaker Lane decide to move away rather than fight to keep their homes. Ringgold, Faith. *Tar Beach.* 059046310

Turkle, Brinton. *Thy Friend, Obadiah.* 0440848946

Uhlberg, Myron. *Flying Over Brooklyn.* 1561451940 Lifted by the wind, a boy flies over snow-covered Brooklyn and admires its winter beauty. Includes information about the 1947 Brooklyn snowstorm, the greatest in its history.

Wakefield, Pat and Larry Carrara. *A Moose for Jessica.* 0440845378

Waters, Kate and Madeline Slovenz-Low. *Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan’s Chinese New Year.* 05590430475
WEST

Bunting, Eve. *Cheyenne Again*. 0396703646 In the late 1880’s, a Cheyenne boy named Young Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man’s ways.

Gifaldi, David. *Ben, King of the River*. 0807506354 Chad experiences a range of emotions when he goes camping with his parents and his five-year old mentally disabled brother Ben, who has many developmental problems.

Hirschi, Ron. *Seya’s Song*. 0912365625 Using some traditional Clallam words, a young Indian describes the natural surroundings and activities of the Clallam, or S’Klallam, people through the seasons of the year. Includes glossary.

Lucas, Barbara. *Snowed In*. 0027614654 Snowed in for the winter at their Wyoming frontier home in the early twentieth century and unable to attend school, Grace and Luke keep busy reading, studying, singing, and sharing stories.

Paulsen, Gary. *Dogteam*. 0440910617

Politi, Leo. *Song of the Swallows*. 0689711409

Scott, Ann Herbert. *Cowboy Country*. 0395575613 An “old buckaroo” tells how he became a cowboy, what the work was like in the past, and how this life has changed.

Stanley, Fay. *The Last Princess: The Story of Princess Ka’iulani of Hawai‘i*. 0027867854 Recounts the story of Hawai‘i’s last heir to the throne, who was denied her right to rule when the monarchy was abolished.


Williams, Sherley Anne. *Working Cotton*. 0152996249 A young black girl relates the daily events of her family’s migrant life in the cotton fields of central California.

MIDWEST

Goble, Paul. *Death of the Iron Horse*. 0689716869 In an act of bravery and defiance against the white men encroaching on their territory in 1867, a group of young Cheyenne braves derail and raid a freight train.

Moore, Yvette. *A Prairie Alphabet*. 0887763235

Polacco, Patricia. *My Ol’ Man*. 0590897500

Rounds, Glen. *Sod Houses on the Great Plains*. 823411621

Sanders, Scott. *Here Comes the Mystery Man*. 0027781453 The Goodwin family’s pioneer home is visited by the traveling peddler, who brings wondrous things and amazing tales from far away.
Sorensen, Henri. *New Hope*. 068813256

Stewart, Sarah. *The Journey*. 0374339058 A Young Amish girl tells her “silent friend,” her diary, about all the wondrous experiences she has on her first trip to the city.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Dance at Grandpa’s*. 006023878X A young pioneer girl and her family attend a wintertime party at her grandparents’ house in the Big Woods of Wisconsin.

*Prairie Day*. 0060259051 A little girl and her pioneer family travel westward to find a new home on the prairie.

Williams, Vera B. *Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe*. 0688803075 Mother, Aunt Rosie, and two children make a three-day camping trip by canoe.

Wittman, Patricia. *Buffalo Thunder*. 0761450017 When young Karl Isaac heads west with his family in a prairie schooner, he experiences many things but longs to see buffalo.