5 Themes of Geography

**Location**
Answers the Question: Where is it?
- **Absolute Location**
  To pinpoint an exact position on Earth
  Uses a grid system
  Ex: Street Address, Alpha-Numeric, Latitude & Longitude
- **Relative Location**
  Gives a general sense of position on Earth in relation to another position
  Descriptive phrases
  Ex: Phoenix is located in south-central Arizona, 100 miles North of Tucson

**Place**
Answers the Question: What is it like there?
The special character of a place that makes it unique
- **Physical Characteristics**
  Unique natural features; Due to "mother nature"
  Ex: Climate, Landforms, Bodies of Water, Elevation, Vegetation, Wildlife
- **Human Characteristics**
  Unique cultural features; Due to human beings
  Ex: Language, Foods, Cultural Landmarks, Religions, Clothing, Traditions

**Human Environment Interaction**
Answers the Question: What is the relationship between humans and their environment?
- **Humans Depend on their Environment**
  Survival Needs
  Ex: Water, Oxygen, Food, Shelter, Warmth
- **Humans Modify their Environment + The Environment Modifies Humans**
  Modify means "to change" / Change can be positive or negative
  Ex: Pollution, Deforestation, Irrigation, Mining, Agriculture, Cities, Ozone Hole, Global Warming, Natural disasters, drought, hurricanes
- **Humans Adapt to their Environment**
  All the ways humans protect themselves from the environment
  Ex: Protective clothing, Protective shelter, Use of natural resources, Medicines, Emergency Evacuation Plans
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