

Objective: Learn about the 5 themes of Geography by creating a video about the area where you live.

Goal: Collect videos from all across the world to share - students teaching students about regions of the world!

You should include the following items in your video (your teacher will distribute a rubric as it pertains to your specific class if this is a graded assignment):

Themes of Geography(descriptions from about.com)

1. Location

Most geographic study begins with learning the location of places. Location can be absolute or relative.

Absolute location provides a definite reference to locate a place. The reference can be [latitude and longitude](#), a street address, or even the [Township and Range](#) sys.

Relative location describes a place with respect to its environment and its connection to other places.

You might show a map, give references to surrounding areas, film street signs, Google earth/maps, etc.

2. Place

Place describes the human and physical characteristics of a location.

Physical characteristics include a description of such things as the mountains, rivers, beaches, topography, and animal and plant life of a place.

Human characteristics include the human-designed cultural features of a place, from land use and architecture to forms of livelihood and religion to food and folk ways to transportation and communication networks.

What features define the place where you live? What animals and plants are common? Where do people live? How do they live?

3. Human-Environment Interaction

This theme considers how humans adapt to and modify the environment. Humans shape the

landscape through their interaction with the land; this has both positive and negative effects on the environment.

How do people in your area interact with the land around you? What good things come from it? What not so good things come from it? Think about building, farming/agriculture, how they use rivers, water, etc.

4. Movement

Humans move, a lot! In addition, ideas, fads, goods, resources, and communication all travel distances. This theme studies movement and migration across the planet.

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What new ideas, products, or people have come to the place where you live? Where did they come from? Why? What impact are they having?

5. Region

Region divides the world into manageable units for geographic study. Regions have some sort of characteristic that unifies the area. Regions can be formal, functional, or vernacular.

Formal regions are those that are designated by official boundaries, such as cities, states, counties, and countries. For the most part, they are clearly indicated and publicly known.

Functional regions are defined by their connections. For example, the circulation area for a major city area is the functional region of that paper.

Vernacular regions are perceived regions, such as "The South," "The Midwest," or the "Middle East;" they have no formal boundaries but are understood in our [mental maps](#) of the world.

Include an example of your community as part of each of the 3 types of regions given above. What other ways could you define your region? What role does technology and social media play on your region?

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