

# 5 Themes of Geography

## Chapter 1.1

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Class Period \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment # \_\_\_\_\_

Geographers have developed 5 organizing tools called *themes* to help you find answers to basic questions and organize information. Read Chapter 1, section 1 to understand the following themes.

### LOCATION

1. What basic question (green bullet point on page 38) does this theme answer?
2. What are the two main ways of giving location?
3. Define *absolute* location:  
*relative* location:
4. How is the absolute location of a place generally calculated?
5. Describe the relative location of Oak Canyon Junior High School.

### PLACE

6. What basic question (green bullet point on page 38) does this theme answer?
7. What **two** types of characteristics make places unique?
8. Give 3 examples of features for each type of characteristic:

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### REGION

9. What basic question (bullet point on page 38) does this theme answer?
10. Define *region*:
11. Complete the following chart:

Type of Region	Definition	Example
Formal		
Functional		
Perceptual		

12. Can the same place be in more than one region? Explain.

### MOVEMENT

13. What basic question (bullet point on page 38) does this theme answer?
14. Geographers are concerned with the movement of what three things?

## **HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION**

15. What basic question (bullet point on page 38) does this theme answer?
16. In what two general ways do people change their environment?
17. What can the results of change be?

### ***Using Maps/Chapter 1.1 Vocabulary***

Directions: Define the following terms:

1. Geography (p. 35)
2. GPS (p. 37)
3. GIS (p. 37)
4. cardinal directions (p. 10)
5. parallels (p. 11)
6. meridians (p. 11)
7. cartographer (p. 12)
8. map projections (p. 12)
9. great circle (p. 12)
10. distortion (p. 6-7)\* not defined in the book—from the context, what does it mean?

### ***Basic Map Components***

11. In addition to a title, what are other three basic parts of a map?

### ***Displaying Information***

12. What is the most accurate method of showing the entire surface of the earth?
13. What properties of the globe become distorted when drawn on a flat piece of paper?
14. What property does the Mercator Projection distort?  
What property is more accurate?
15. What is the advantage of a Robinson Projection?  
What is a disadvantage?

### ***Types of Maps***

16. List three types of special purpose maps.