The Five Themes of Geography

1. Location
   Where is it?
   Why is it located there?
   - Absolute location is given in degrees of latitude and longitude.
   - Relative location depends upon point of reference, e.g., near, far, a short drive.

2. Place
   What is it like?
   - Physical Characteristics - landforms (mountains, plains, etc.), bodies of water (oceans, lakes, bay, etc.), ecosystems (soil, plants, animals, and climate)
   - Human Characteristics - bridges, roads, buildings, culture, language
     All places have features that distinguish them from other places.

3. Human/Environment Interaction
   How do people interact with and change their environment?
   - Depend on the environment
   - Adapt to the environment
   - Modify the environment

4. Movement
   How are people and places linked by communication and the flow of people, ideas and goods?
   - Transportation, communication, trade
   - Patterns of movement such as migration
   - Linkages and connections

5. Regions
   What are their unifying features and how do they form and change over time?
   - Regions a basic unit for geographic study.
   - Geographers divide the world into regions to help them interpret
   - Regions can be defined on the basis of: physical and human characteristics.