



The Five Themes of Geography:

- (1) Location (2) Place (3) Human Environment Interaction**
(4) Movement (5) Regions

When we want to learn about a certain country, city, region, etc., we use the Five Themes of Geography. For each of the Five Themes, tell students to ask themselves the following questions about a particular country or region:

Location

- Where is the place (longitude, latitude, continent, hemispheres)?
- How far away from home is it (travel time by plane, distance in miles or kilometers)?
- What countries are neighbors of the country?

Place

- Describe the place (size, shape).
- What is the climate (temperature, rainfall)?
- What kinds of physical features are there (mountains, rivers, deserts)?
- Describe the people who live there (nationalities, traditions, etc.).

Human-Environment Interactions

- How do people use the land (farming, herding, mining, industry)?
- How have people changed the land?
- Where do most people live (near a river or coastline, in the mountains)?
- Why do you think people settled there (water, safety, food, natural beauty)?

Movement

- How will you travel to the place (route, drive, fly, walk)?
- Does the country export goods to other places? If so, what and where?
- Does the country import goods from other places? If so, what and from where?
- Why would people leave or move to the country (jobs, family, climate, war)?

Regions

- What language(s) do people speak?
- What are the political divisions of the country (states, provinces, republics)?
- How is the country similar to any of its neighbors (traditions, language, climate)?



Continent Study Assignment

Name: _____

My Continent _____

- Decide which continent you would like to study (it must be different from the previous years)
- Using the 5 Themes of Geography research handout, research facts about your continent and record on the paper. Make sure you document your sources (websites, books)
- Using the notes made on your research handout, build a power point presentation that covers all five themes with at least three details in each category
- You may add any other interesting facts, pictures, maps that you would like to make your presentation more interesting – you will be assessed based on the attached rubric so please make sure to keep your research paper and rubric to be turned in when you give your final presentation
- Please make sure to ask for help if you have never done a power point or are having trouble with your research. This project is to be done in class and at home.
- Make a note of an interesting country in your continent study that you will want to do for your country report. The country report will be done after this project and will be the one presented at our annual International Festival.
- The research is due: _____
- The final project is due: _____