Five Themes of Geography
Part 1
Geography Reminder

- Geography studies the earth’s natural characteristics and the people who live on earth.
- Physical Geography studies natural features.
- Human Geography studies people.
Activity/Question

1. How are physical geography and human geography different?

2. How are physical geography and human geography similar?
I) 5 Themes of Geography

• The way geographers study different places on earth.

• The five themes can be applied to places as small as a neighborhood or places as large as the earth itself.
Activity

Draw the image on this slide.

It doesn’t have to be perfect!!!
Activity

• **On a new page trace** your hand and **label** each the same label as you see in the picture in the same order (Movement, Human/Environment Interaction, Region, Location, Place)

• Be sure to include the **“My Hand Really Likes Pizza”** at the top of your page
II) Movement

• Movement describes how people, goods, information and culture gets from one place to another place.

• Example: The trucks drive goods across the country from one city to another.
Discussion Question

2. How do goods move from place to place in our community?

3. How do ideas move from person to person in our community?

4. How do people move from place to place in our community?
III) Location

• Where something is on the earth.

• Absolute Location- exactly where it is located.
  • An address, coordinates...

• Relative Location- where it is in relation to another place.
  • Near, above, west of, etc…
Questions

5. What is an example of relative location of your house? (you choose a different place other than your house if you like)

6. What is an example of the absolute location of your house? (you choose a different place other than your house if you like)
STOP HERE ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED PART 1
Part 2
IV) Human-Environment Interaction

• This theme describes how human actions have changed areas of the Earth.

• How humans adapt to their environment.
  – Example: Wearing more clothing in the winter months.

• How the environment impacts people.
  – Example: Storms, Cold
Discussion Questions

1. How do humans in west Michigan adapt (change how they live) to their environment?

2. How have people changed the environment around them?

3. What is some way the environment impacts people?
V) Regions

• Areas of the world broken up into smaller sections

• Regions are often split based on similar things.

• Similarities can include language, culture, geographic characteristics, history and much more!
Discussion Questions/Activity

4. Look at the map of the United States on the previous slide. Explain how the U.S. is divided into different regions.

5. Use the map on the previous slide to explain how Michigan is divided into different regions.

6. What is similar about the people who live in west Michigan?
VI) Place

• Describes the *human* and *physical* characteristics of a place.

• **Physical characteristics** are things like landforms, terrain, climate, etc...

• **Human characteristics** are characteristics of the people in a specific place.
  – Religion, language, culture, history, population, etc..
Discussion Questions

12. What are some human characteristics of Michigan?

13. What are some physical characteristics of Michigan?
Exit Question

How can studying the 5 Themes of Geography help geographers better understand the world?

• Use your ideas from your notes to help you with your answer.

• 3-4 sentences