### 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?

 <u>Physical Characteristics</u> - landforms (mountains, plains, etc.), bodies of water (oceans, lakes, bay, etc.), ecosystems (soil, plants, animals, and climate)



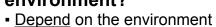
 Human Characteristics - bridges, roads, buildings, culture, language

All places have features that distinguish them from other places.

#### 3. Human/Environment Interaction



### How do people interact with and change their environment?



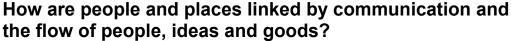


Adapt to the environment



Modify the environment

#### 4. Movement





- 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.