5 Themes of Geography

After learning about the Five Themes of Geography, students apply their knowledge to a write-up about their town.

Includes:
Detailed assignment sheet
Research notes graphic organizers
Using the five themes of geography, write a one—two page description of your home town. Be detailed in your descriptions and try to think like a geographer. Use the knowledge from your personal experiences as well as the research you do on-line. Please research the specific details of your area, take notes on the research sheets provided and then type up your work. Include a map of your town and pictures to support your ideas.

Include the following information and use the HEADINGS provided

**Location**
- Where is your town located?
- Include a map
- Why do you think your town was built here?
- Include the absolute AND relative location

**Place**
- What are the PHYSICAL and HUMAN characteristics of your town?
- What is the natural environment like around your town? Forest? Plains? Major bodies of water?
- What makes your town different from other towns in your state or province?
- What are the cultural features of your town?
- Include pictures to help explain the features

**Region**
- What formal, functional and vernacular regions does your town belong to?

**Human /Environment Interaction**
- How have people in your town DEPENDED on, ADAPTED to, and MODIFIED the environment?
- What local resources do people depend on?
- Old photographs or maps of your town may help you see how the environment has changed over time.

**Movement**
- How is your town linked to other communities by the flow of people, ideas and goods?
- What is manufactured in your town? What needs to be imported?
- Do most people work in your town or do they commute elsewhere?
LOCATION

- Why did your town develop here? What made people settle here?
- Relative Location
- Absolute Location: ____________________________

PLACE

PHYSICAL characteristics? Forests, mountains etc.

HUMAN Characteristics?
REGION
- Government
- Functional
- Vernacular

HUMAN / ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION
- How have we DEPENDED on the environment?
- ADAPTED to the environment
- MODIFIED the environment?

MOVEMENT
- How is your town linked to other towns by the flow of people, ideas and goods?
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