SURVIVING THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE USING THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

It’s been three months since the start of the Zombie Apocalypse. It turns out that the movies were right. They are slow, and man are they gross! Only ten cities and towns have survived, the rest of the country has be lost to the zombies- and who knows what’s going on in the rest of the world! Electric power has been gone for weeks and now the gas stations and the grocery stores are almost empty.

You got lucky and happened to be in one of the remaining cities when it all started, but you are now faced with a life or death choice- to stay in your current location or join a caravan traveling to one of the other surviving locations. Your choice and your knowledge of geography decide whether you live through this or if you become someone’s dinner!

The five themes of geography help us go through and organize the tons of information. They will be your key to understanding if you are safe at your current location or if you need to move so your brains don’t become food!

You are going to gather information on your current location, focusing on one category of information or theme at a time. You are also going to do the same for an alternative location. The purpose: to determine whether or not your current location is suited to help you survive the Zombie Apocalypse or if you need to relocate to your alternative location.

The maps and links on this website are going to help you do that. As you collect your information, answer the questions on your project packet. In the end, your job is to find out which location would best help you survive the Zombie Apocalypse and why.

This map shows the last 10 remaining cities and towns in the United States. Mrs. Anthony will assign you your current or starting location, but your alternative location is up to you!
My CURRENT LOCATION: ___________________________________

Fill in the questions below for your current location.

Location
- What is your absolute location? _______________________________________________________
- What is the relative location? What is it near?
  __________________________________________________________________________________

Place
- What is the climate like (average temperature, average precipitation)?
  __________________________________________________________________________________
  o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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- What are the resources like? Is there any fresh water?
  __________________________________________________________________________________
  o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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- What is the location like? Is it urban or rural? What landforms is it by?
  __________________________________________________________________________________
  o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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- What are the people like? Does it have a high crime rate? What is the population?
  __________________________________________________________________________________
  o Does this help you survive or make it harder? Explain.
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Movement
- Do the roads allow people and goods to get to you easily?
  __________________________________________________________________________________
  o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
• Are there any landforms at your location that make traveling easy or difficult?

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o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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Region
• What is near you? Does the region (surrounding area) and its features help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

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Human-Environment Interaction
• Are there any common natural disasters or weather that would make living here difficult?

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o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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My ALTERNATIVE LOCATION: _____________________________________
Fill in the questions below for your current location.
Location
• What is your absolute location?

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• What is the relative location? What is it near?

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Place
• What is the climate like (average temperature, average precipitation)?

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o Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
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• What are the resources like? Is there any fresh water?

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Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

What is the location like? Is it urban or rural? What landforms is it by?

Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

What are the people like? Does it have a high crime rate? What is the population?

Does this help you survive or make it harder? Explain.

**Movement**

Do the roads allow people and goods to get to you easily?

Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

Are there any landforms at your location that make traveling easy or difficult?

Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

**Region**

What is near you? Does the region (surrounding area) and its features help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.

**Human-Environment Interaction**

Are there any common natural disasters or weather that would make living here difficult?

Does this help you survive or make it harder to stay alive? Explain.
MY FINAL DECISION
In a short essay compare your two cities using the five themes of geography. At the end explain, based on the information you have gathered, do you believe staying in your current location would help you survive or do you believe you need to move to your alternative location? Explain your thought process. Include evidence for your argument from the information you have gathered. (10 sentences)

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Teacher Notes:

Project can be done individually or in small groups.

Students should interpret maps to find information. Survival strategies differ depending on what kind of zombies students believe are most likely so the most important thing that they need to do is to defend that answers and explain. With this being said, answers will vary greatly.

Students will need this website to complete the packet.

https://sites.google.com/site/survivingthezombieapocolypse/home