

# Five Themes

TCH 347 Social Studies Methods

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- **Location**
  - Absolute Location
  - Relative Location
- **Place**
  - Physical Characteristics
  - Human Characteristics
- **Human Environment Interaction**
  - Adapt to Environment
  - Depend on Environment
  - Modify Environment
- **Movement**
  - People Move
  - Goods Move
  - Ideas Move
- **Region**
  - Formal
  - Functional Region
  - Vernacular region (perceptual)

# Location

- **Absolute Location**

- Hemisphere

- United States is located in Northern Hemisphere
- Japan is located in the eastern hemisphere

- Latitude & Longitude

- New York City: located at 40 43'N 74 00'W
- Detroit: located at 40 30' N, 83 W.
- Shippensburg:

- Address

- 1871 Old Main Dr. Shippensburg PA, 17257

# Location

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- **Relative Location**

(In reference of distance, direction, landmarks...)

- Two miles south of Philadelphia
- Between Carlisle and Chambersburg
- Next to my uncle's home
- Three blocks away from the post office

# Place

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- **Physical Characteristics**
  - **Landforms**
  - **Water bodies**
  - **Climate**
  - **Plants**
  - **Animals**
  - **Natural resource**

# Place

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- **Human/Cultural Characteristics**
  - **Demographics**
  - **Population**
  - **Language**
  - **Religion**
  - **Architecture**
  - **Cultural tradition**
  - **Holidays and festivals**
  - **Other unique features**

# Human Environment Interaction

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- **Adapt to Environment**

- **Fishing**
- **Hunting**
- **Eating Lambs**
- **Wearing fur clothing**
- **Riding camels**
- **Living in log cabin**
- **Living in caves**
- **...**

# Human Environment Interaction

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- **Depend on Environment**
  - **Fertile soil**
  - **Rivers**
  - **Lakes**
  - **Port**
  - **Forestry**
  - **Warm climate**
  - **Domestic animals**
  - **Abundant rain/snow fall**



# Human Environment Interaction

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- **Modify Environment**
  - Build highways and tunnels
  - Build Dams
  - Build Canals
  - Build Hydro-power plants
  - Plant trees and grass
  - **Dioxide emission**
  - **Water pollution**
  - **Desertization**
  - **Deforestation**
  - **Over fishing/over hunting**

# Movement

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- **People Move**
  - **Migration**
  - **Immigration**
  - **Emigration**
  - **Travel/leisure**
  - **Troops move**
  - **Seasonal workers move**
  - **Refugees move**

*Think about transportation tools*

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- **Goods Move**
  - **Goods distribution**
  - **Retail/Whole sale**
  - **Production materials**
  - **Home move**
  - **Import/Export**

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- **Ideas Move**

- **Religious ideas**
- **Political/Economic ideas**
- **Science and technology**
- **Pop culture**
- **Fashion**
- **Rumor**

*Ideas move – digital technology -- Information age  
Internet, Facebook, blogging ...*

# Region

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- **Formal Region**
  - U.S. regions: Northeast, Mid-west ...
  - PA regions
  - Central America
- **Functional Region**
  - Boston metropolitan region
  - 81 highway corridor
  - Hampton Roads
- **Vernacular Region (perceptual)**
  - Deep south
  - Upper peninsular

# Region

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- **Political Region**
  - Nations, states, provinces, Middle East
- **Economic Region**
  - Triangle Boston
  - Silicon Valley
- **Agricultural Region**
  - Corn belt
  - Frost belt
- **Landform Region**
  - U.S. desert regions
- **Cultural Region**
  - Bible belt

# Mnemonics for Five Themes

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**Mr. Help**

# Matching Exercise

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## Matching Five Themes with Ten Themes



# Location

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- People, places, and environment
- Global connections

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