**The Five Themes of Geography**

Geography is the study of both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (including climate, landscapes, and oceans) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (including culture, communities, and transportation).

An easy method of remembering the Five Themes of Geography is through the mnemonic below. Fill it in appropriately with the corresponding theme.

**P**

 **R**

 **I**

 **L**

 **M**

**PLACE**– What is it like? How does the landscape affect us?

* **Human/Cultural Characteristics:**
	+ How many people live, work, and visit a place?
* **Physical Characteristics:**
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mountains, rivers etc.)
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (oceans, bays, lakes, etc.)
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vegetation, wildlife, soil, climate, etc.)

**REGIONS** – How are regions similar to and different from other places?

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regions:**
	+ Regions defined by governmental or administrative boundaries (States, Countries, Cities)
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regions:**
	+ Regions defined by a function (newspaper service area, cell phone coverage area).
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regions:**
	+ Regions defined by similar characteristics (Corn Belt, Rocky Mountain region, Chinatown).

**HUMAN-ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTION** – How do humans and the environment affect each other?

* **We depend on it.**
	+ Example:
* **We modify/change it.**
	+ Example:
* **We adapt to it.**
	+ Example:

**LOCATION** – Where are we?

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Location**
	+ Is given in degrees of latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location).
	+ Example:
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Location**
	+ Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.
	+ Example:

**MOVEMENT** – How are people, goods, and ideas moved from place to place?

* Human movement:
* Information movement:
* Idea movement: