THE 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY
THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

- Location
- Place
- Human-Environment Interaction
- Movement
- Regions
LOCATION
Where are we?

• Absolute Location
  – A latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location).
    – Paris France is 48° North Latitude and 2° East Longitude.
    – The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

• Relative Location
  – Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.
    – Go 1 mile west on main street and turn left for 1 block.
PLACE

What is it like there, what kind of place is it?

- **Human Characteristics**
  - What are the main languages, customs, and beliefs.
  - How many people live, work, and visit a place.

- **Physical Characteristics**
  - Landforms (mountains, rivers, etc.), climate, vegetation, wildlife, soil, etc.
HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

• How do humans and the environment affect each other?
  – We depend on it.
    • People depend on the Tennessee River for water and transportation.
  – We modify it.
    • People modify our environment by heating and cooling buildings for comfort.
  – We adapt to it.
    • We adapt to the environment by wearing clothing suitable for summer (shorts) and winter (coats), rain and shine.
MOVEMENT

• How are people, goods, ideas moved from place to place?
  – Human Movement
    • Trucks, Trains, Planes
  – Information Movement
    • Phones, computer (email), mail
  – Idea Movement
    • How do fads move from place to place?
      TV, Radio, Magazines
How are Regions similar to and different from other places?

- **Formal Regions**
  - Regions defined by governmental or administrative boundaries (States, Countries, Cities)
  - Regions defined by similar characteristics (Corn Belt, Rocky Mountain region, Chinatown).

- **Functional Regions**
  - Regions defined by a function (newspaper service area, cell phone coverage area).

- **Vernacular Regions**
  - Regions defined by peoples perception (middle east, the south, etc.)
Remembering the 5 themes

• If you can’t remembering what they are just ask MR. HELP!!!
  • $M$ – Movement
  • $R$ – Regions
  • $HE$ – Human Environment interaction
  • $L$ – Location
  • $P$ - Place
Your assignment

- Describe you and your family using the 5 Themes of Geography.
- Make sure you use every theme.