**5 Themes to Help Understand the World and its People**

**HUMAN  
ENVIRONMENT  
INTERACTION**  
(Relationships between people and their environment)

Use of Resources

Human Adaptation

Human Impact

settlements

buildings/roads

history

economy

bodies of water

landforms

plants and animals

Human (or Cultural) Characteristics

Physical (or Natural) Characteristics

**PLACE**

(Characteristics of places and the people who live there)

government

Race/ethnicity

Religion/language

soil

minerals

climate

Absolute Location

Earth, Air, & Water

An address

Goods and Services

Latitude/longitude

**LOCATION**

(Where places are)

**MOVEMENT**

(Movement of people, goods and services, or ideas among places)

People and Animals

Relative Location

Distance and direction to other places

Ideas and Information

climate

landforms

economic

political

Natural or Physical Regions

Human Regions

**REGION**

(An area with places which share similar characteristics or processes)

human characteristics

physical characteristics

Composite Regions

(An area which shares several characteristics)

Cultural regions

ecosystems