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* Geography is the science of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Geographers ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_things are located on the surface of the earth, why they are located where they are, how places differ from one another, and how people interact with the environment

**The Branches**

* **Mathematical Geography**
  + Studies the Earth’s surface as it is mapped
* **Human Geography**
  + Studies the things that man does
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Geography**
  + Studies the earth’s processes

**The Five Themes of Geography**

* Location
* Place
* Human/Environment Interaction
* Movement
* Regions

**Location**

* Where are things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* A location can be absolute
  + Longitude and latitude [49 16N 123 07W] or an address
* Or, it can be relative
  + It's next to the Cooper’s on HWY 33.

**Place**

* What makes a place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from other places?
* Place refers to the physical and human features that are found on our earth
  + Physical: mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes
  + Human: cities, roads, dams, bridges

**Human/Environment Interaction**

* How do people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with and change their environment?
* How humans react to their surroundings
  + We do it by:

a. adapting

b. modifying

c. depending

…on our environment

**Movement**

* How are people and places \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by communication and the flow of people, ideas and goods?
* Movement is the transportation of an object from one place to another
* In geography, we move:

a. ideas

b. people

c. goods

**Regions**

* How can the Earth be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into regions for study?
  + A region is an area where certain characteristics prevail.
* Regions allow for geographers to organize information based on the Earth’s surface.
* Regions formed by human characteristics:
* China town, Jerusalem
* Regions formed by physical characteristics:
* Rocky Mountains, Sahara Desert

**Terms Review – Write your own key word definitions of these terms**

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| -Geography  -Mathematical  -Human Geography  -Physical Geography  -Five Themes of Geography  -Location  -Place  -Human/Environment interaction  -Movement  -Regions  -Latitude  -Longitude |