

The Five Themes of Geography



Vocabulary Terms Matching Assignment

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The Five Themes of Geography Vocabulary Words Matching Assignment

Your Word Bank:

Absolute Location	Grid	Longitude	Prime Meridian
Antarctic Circle	Hemisphere	Meridian	Regions
Arctic Circle	Human-Environment Interaction	Movement	Relative Location
Degree	Latitude	Parallel	Tropic of Cancer
Equator	Location	Place	Tropic of Capricorn

- _____ 1. Half of the terrestrial globe, divided into northern and southern areas by the equator or into eastern and western areas by some meridians.
- _____ 2. This is created when lines of latitude and longitude crisscross on a map.
- _____ 3. The exact position of a place on Earth.
- _____ 4. One of the five themes of geography: this theme involves how people affect the environment and the physical characteristics of their surroundings and how the environment affects them.
- _____ 5. An imaginary line that circles the globe at its widest point; a major line of latitude located at 0°; most places near this line are tropical.
- _____ 6. A major line of latitude, located at 23°S.
- _____ 7. A major line of latitude, located at 66°S.
- _____ 8. One of the five themes of geography: this theme answers the Question, “Where are we?”
- _____ 9. The term we use to refer to lines of latitude.
- _____ 10. One of the five themes of geography: this theme includes the study of a location’s physical and human characteristics.
- _____ 11. A major line of latitude, located at 66°N.

- _____ 12. One of the five themes of geography: this theme helps geographers understand how people, goods, and ideas get from one place to another.
- _____ 13. One of the five themes of geography: this theme allows us to make comparisons; we compare unifying characteristics in an area such as climate, land, population, culture, or history.
- _____ 14. A unit of measurement used to determine absolute location.
- _____ 15. A major line of latitude, located at 23°N.
- _____ 16. A major line of longitude, located at 0°; this line runs through Europe, Africa, and Antarctica.
- _____ 17. The series of imaginary lines that circle Earth parallel to the equator; on a map, they run horizontally.
- _____ 18. The series of imaginary lines that run north and south from one pole to another; on a map, they run vertically.
- _____ 19. The term we use to refer to lines of longitude.
- _____ 20. The location of a place as described by places near it.

Answer Key

1. Hemisphere
2. Grid
3. Absolute Location
4. Human-Environment Interaction
5. Equator
6. Tropic of Capricorn
7. Antarctic Circle
8. Location
9. Parallel
10. Place
11. Arctic Circle
12. Movement
13. Regions
14. Degree
15. Tropic of Cancer
16. Prime Meridian
17. Latitude
18. Longitude
19. Meridian
20. Relative Location

Here are some online resources you might consider when lesson planning for this topic (links checked February 26, 2012):

Definitions of the Five Themes of Geography

<http://geography.pppst.com/5themes.html>

The Five Themes of Geography (from the University of North Alabama)

<http://www.una.edu/geography/statedepted/themes.html>

Five Times Five: Five Activities for Teaching Geography's Five Themes

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson071.shtml

The Five Themes of Geography Learning Activity for Project Arrow

<http://www.alincolnlearning.us/Fivethemesgeogactivity.html>