

# 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

## ESCAPE ROOM

### READING #1

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In 1984, the National Council for Geographic Education officially identified five themes of geography: location, place,



### DECODE

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 B = 📖 H = 🍷 N = 🍷  
 C = 🖋️ I = 🍷 O = 🍷  
 D = 🏢 J = 📦 P = 🍷

### READING #5

The fourth theme is movement. This theme is exactly what it sounds like: the movement of people, animals, plants, and much more. Chances are, you have ancestors that moved here from some far-off place, whether it be another state, or another continent. When they move, they bring a lot of their old life with them, such as traditions, foods, languages, and more. Immigration, populations, and distribution are all part of movement. This theme studies how people, **🌐🌐🌐🌐🌐**, and everything else move across the planet.

movement of people from one place to another, has been a major force in shaping the world as we know it today. In the past, people migrated for various reasons such as better economic opportunities, political persecution, or searching for more fertile land. This has resulted in



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G	H	I	P

### RECORDING SHEET #2

For each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate find (at # passage) you found the answer.

3. In the past, why have people migrated?

A. Economic opportunity  
 B. Fertile land  
 C. Political persecution  
 D. All of the above

4. What regions refer to an area with specific boundaries?

A. Vernacular  
 B. Functional  
 C. Territorial  
 D. Ancestral

7. Which is NOT an aspect of human-environment interaction?  
 Modernization

8. Who was first to propose the five themes of geography?  
 A. Aaron Robshaw  
 B. Robert Boyle

### RECORDING SHEET #1

Read each passage and decode the missing words. Write your answers below. Then, unscramble the mystery word found in the gray-shaded boxes. When you finish, complete the multiple-choice questions.

READING #1	1.	2.	3.

READING #2

1.	2.	3.

READING #3

1.	2.	3.




# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

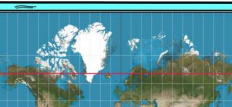
**MISSION**  
You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. In the town of Crestwood, a daring thief – the priceless Emerald Star – was

**DIRECTIONS**  
1 There are two goals to this activity:  
1. Unscramble a mystery word


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**READING #2**  
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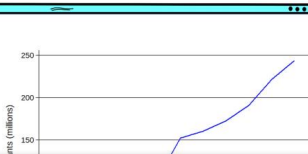
**READING #3**  
The second theme is place. You may be thinking that location and place are the same thing, but a place in geography is defined as




**READING #4**  
The third theme is region. Around the world, places are grouped into regions,



**READING #5**  
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**READING #6**  
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READING #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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**RECORDING SHEET #2**  
Time to find text evidence! Answer each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate WHERE (what # passage) you found the answer.

1. Which location will give you the exact spot on a map? A. Definitive B. Absolute C. Prime D. Relative	2. Which of the following is an example of a formal region? A. Provinces B. Continents C. Districts D. All of the above	3. In the past, why have people migrated? A. Economic opportunity B. Fertile land C. Political persecution D. All of the above	4. What regions refer to an area with specific boundaries? A. Vernacular B. Functional C. Territorial D. Ancestral
5. Human-environment interaction includes how many distinct aspects? A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4	6. What regions are places with shared traits? A. Vernacular B. Functional C. Territorial D. Ancestral	7. Which is NOT an aspect of human-environment interaction? A. Modernization B. Dependency C. Adaptation D. Modification	8. Who was first to propose the five themes of geography? A. Aaron Robshaw B. Robert Boyle C. Peter Minuit D. Richard Hartshorne

- 6 READING PASSAGES
- 6 PUZZLE DECODERS
- 18 FILL IN THE BLANK
- 12 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- TEACHER GUIDE
- ANSWER KEY
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- HINT CARDS

**TEACHER DIRECTIONS**  
Print pages 5-10 just ONE TIME (these are the 6 short reading passages). You do NOT have to print these pages for every student! Spread them out and hang (or hide) them around the room. Leave enough room so a few students can

**CRYPTOGRAM**  
Use the cryptogram decoder to solve the clue.

**TXT MSG**  
Use the keypad to determine what letter each number pattern represents. Back in the day, you

**POLYBIUS**  
Use the decoder to determine the letter by the coordinates given. Each letter is represented by TWO numbers. The first number indicates the number across the TOP (RIGHT). The second number indicates the number on the left column (DOWN). If a square is empty, you'll need to

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# 6 PASSAGES

## READING #1

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The five themes of geography were developed by geographer Richard M. Hartshorn.

## READING #2

The first theme is location. Location means where something is on the Earth. When studying geography, one of the first things you need to know about somewhere specific is its location. The location can be **2 22 7777 666 555 88 8 33** or relative.

An absolute location will give you a definitive reference for finding the exact spot on a map. It does not change.

The absolute location will be in the form of a street address, while other times it will be in the form of latitude and longitude coordinates. Example: The White House's location is 38° 53' 30" N, longitude 77.0365° W.

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Relative location gives you a location based on something compared to somewhere else. For example, where your school is, you are about a mile from your house. The Pacific Ocean is about 2,000 miles from the Pacific Northwest.

## READING #3

The second theme is place. You may be thinking that location and place are the same thing, but a place in geography is defined as the human and physical characteristics of a location.

The physical characteristics of a place will describe the terrain, such as mountains, rivers, and beaches, as well as the climate, and the animals and plants that live in that area. These physical features play a role in influencing the human characteristics of a place.

## READING #4

Regions are areas defined by physical or human characteristics. Around the world, regions are divided into formal regions, districts, and states. Informal regions refer to an area together. At times, it's a region is defined by human characteristics. Vernacular boundaries are regions that are defined by human characteristics.

## READING #5

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## READING #6

The fifth theme of geography is human-environment interaction. Humans change so much in the environment. Some changes are for the better, and some changes are not. It examines how human activities, such as agriculture, urbanization, and deforestation, affect the environment.

Year	Migrants (millions)
1960	75
1970	90
1980	140
1990	180
2000	200
2010	225

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## RECORDING SHEET #2

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 C. Prime  
 D. Relative

2. Which of the following is an example of a formal region?  
 A. Provinces  
 B. Continents  
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 D. All of the above

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4. What regions refer to an area with specific boundaries?  
 A. Vernacular  
 B. Functional  
 C. Territorial  
 D. Ancestral

5. Human-environment interaction includes how many distinct aspects?  
 A. 1  
 B. 2  
 C. 3  
 D. 4

6. What regions are places with shared traits?  
 A. Vernacular  
 B. Functional  
 C. Territorial  
 D. Ancestral

7. Which is NOT an aspect of human-environment interaction?  
 A. Modernization  
 B. Dependency  
 C. Adaptation  
 D. Modification

8. Who was first to propose the five themes of geography?  
 A. Aaron Robshaw  
 B. Robert Boyle  
 C. Peter Minuit  
 D. Richard Hartshorn

9. Which of the following is a human characteristic of a place?  
 A. Climate  
 B. Topography  
 C. Population  
 D. Vegetation

10. Which of the following is a physical characteristic of a place?  
 A. Climate  
 B. Topography  
 C. Population  
 D. Vegetation



# TASK #2

READING #1

READING #5

READING #2

READING #6

## RECORDING SHEET #2

Time to find text evidence! Answer each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate WHERE (what # passage) you found the answer.

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  - B. Absolute
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  - D. Relative

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READING #

9. Which state is NOT part of the tri-state area?

READING #

10. When were the five themes of geography first proposed?

READING #

11. Which type of location does not change?

READING #

12. Which of the following is a human characteristic of place?

READING #

DIGIT CODE: How many times did you use the following reading passage numbers based on your answers above?

READING #3

READING #1

READING #5

READING #4

# CITE TEXT EVIDENCE

# PRINT & GO

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# HOW IT WORKS

## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

**1** Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 passages with "missing words."

**2** Students will decode the missing words and record them on **Answer Sheet #1**. They will then unscramble a mystery word from the gray-shaded boxes.











**3** Students will then answer 12 multiple-choice questions, revisit the passages and cite where they found the answers on **Answer Sheet #2**. This will lead to a 4-digit code.

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# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  UNIT REVIEW
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  NO PREP
-  PRINT & GO
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

