

Five Themes of Geography

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These lists although not meant to be exhaustive offer some possible applications of the “Five Themes of Geography”

Chapter	Location	Place	Human/Environment Interaction	Movement	Region
One	Oceans of the world Cape of Good Hope Constantinople Azores	Italy, Spain, Portugal, England, Hispaniola, Mexico, Peru	“The Columbian Exchange,” Gold mining in Latin America, spread of diseases	Voyages of discovery, international slave trade, triangle trade, attempts to find the “Northwest Passage”	West Indies, Islamic Empire. Aztec Empire, Incan Empire
Two	Roanoke, Jamestown, Plymouth, Hudson River, Ohio River, Appalachian Mountains, Quebec	Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts	Tobacco farming, interaction of three cultures (European, African, Native American) in the new world, fur trade	Enclosure Movement, Indians toward North American interior, Great Migration, servants and slaves to new world, Jesuit missionary journeys, spread of Great Awakening	New England, Piedmont, French Canada, southern colonies, middle colonies
Three	Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Saratoga, New York City, Boston, London, Trenton (New Jersey), Delaware River, Ohio River, Yorktown			Movement of armies and navies during Revolution	Ohio River valley, British Empire, Northwest Territory, areas of strongly supporting Loyalist cause, United States in 1783
Four	Mississippi River, New Orleans, Philadelphia	Massachusetts		Movement of agricultural goods down Ohio and Mississippi Rivers	Northwest Territory, Spanish America, States that banned slavery and when, Timetable of states as they ratified the Constitution

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Five	Washington D.C., Paris, London, New York City	Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky		Growth of trade between U.S. and Europe	Electoral maps of 1796 and 1800, Growth of manufacturing in Northeast, Great Lakes
Six	Tripoli, New Orleans, Missouri River, Columbia River, Cape Trafalgar, Hartford (Connecticut), Ghent (Belgium), 36° 30' line	Barbary Coast, Haiti, Florida, Missouri, Maine	Conditions faced in different environments by Lewis and Clark expedition	"Middle Passage" in slave trade, Lewis and Clark expedition, British invasion routes in War of 1812	Louisiana Purchase, Pacific Northwest, Great Plains, Rocky Mountains, Tribal areas of West, Electoral Map of 1824
Seven	Charleston, San Antonio, Mexico City	South Carolina, Kentucky, Texas, Oregon, California		Indian Removal, major trails west, route of Donner Party, Mormon migration	Electoral maps of 1828 and 1840, Indian areas of Southeast U.S. ("Five Civilized Tribes"), Mexican Cession
Eight	Seneca Falls (New York), Lowell (Massachusetts), Harpers Ferry (Virginia - now West Virginia)	Illinois, Kansas Territory	Gold mining in California, growth of railroad construction	Immigration from China and Ireland, routes to California gold fields, underground railroad routes, travels of Lincoln and Douglas during their debates, Oregon Trail	1850 Compromise areas left to "popular sovereignty," Kansas and Nebraska territories under Kansas-Nebraska Act, pro and anti-slavery areas of Kansas, Electoral Map of 1860
Nine	Fort Sumter, Baltimore (Maryland), Washington D.C., Bull Run, Richmond (Virginia), New Orleans, Antietam, Fredericksburg (Virginia), Vicksburg (Mississippi), Shiloh	West Virginia, Liberia	Naval blockade of South		States that seceded (and when), border states, loyal states

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Ten	Gettysburg, New York City, Cold Harbor, Andersonville (Georgia), Atlanta, Fort Wagner, Appomattox			Movement of armies during Wilderness Campaign, Sherman's march through the South	
Eleven	Memphis, New Orleans, Little Big Horn	Mexico, Alaska	Construction of Railroads across nation	Transcontinental railroad	"Redeemed" states of South (and when), "Solid South," Electoral map of 1876
Twelve	Homestead (Pennsylvania), Chicago, New York City		Settlement and farming of arid West, gold mining in the Dakotas, slaughter of buffalo, growth of cities and industry in the Northeast	Immigration from Asia and Europe, Chief Joseph	Great Plains, Indian reservations, 1892 Electoral Map
Thirteen	New York City, Havana (Cuba), Manila (Philippines), Sarajevo (Bosnia)	Cuba, Philippines, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Panama	Building of Panama Canal, shipping routes before and after Panama Canal, Gold mining in Alaska	Routes to Alaska during gold rush, journey of Great White Fleet, route of Titanic	1912 electoral map