

Understanding: 5 Themes of Geography



What can you tell me about
this place?



What if I move the view over a little?
Can you tell me more *now*?



5 Themes of Geography

- Location
- Place
- Human Environment Interaction
- Movement
- Region



1. LOCATION

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Examples

Mexico City is located at:

19° 26' 3" N / 99° 8' 18" W

The Alamo is located at:

300 Alamo Plaza,
San Antonio, Texas

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Examples

- **Arizona is next to New Mexico**
- **The U.S. is north of Mexico**
- **The LaGrange Theater is across the street from Blueberry Hill**
- **Yorktown Mall is 25 minutes away**

2. PLACE

What is it like here?

Human Characteristics

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How do you describe the people who live here?

- Language
- Customs
- Culture
- People
- Economy

Physical Characteristics

- Landforms
- Mountains
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Plants
- Animals
- Climate

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3. Human Environment Interaction

What do we do here?

Human-Environment Interaction is how people use their surroundings *and* how it affects *them*.

Examples

- Water & Electricity sources
- Agriculture
- Clothing for heat and cold
- Natural Resources
- Anything that we depend on, adapt, or modify

What examples can we think of for
Human Environment Interaction?





How does the weather affect you where you live?



Weather and climate is not just for the “what’s it like there” section. How do you adapt to your environment? AND... How do you adapt the environment to suit you?

Movement

How did we get here?

Movement is the way **people**, **products**, **ideas**, **culture**, and **information** move from one place to another.

Examples:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| *Transportation- | People, Products |
| *Immigration- | People, Ideas, Culture |
| *Workers- | People, Ideas |
| *Money- | How does it move? |
| *Internet – | Ideas, money |
| *Media (TV, newspapers)- | Ideas, Culture |

Can you think of some examples of
Movement?

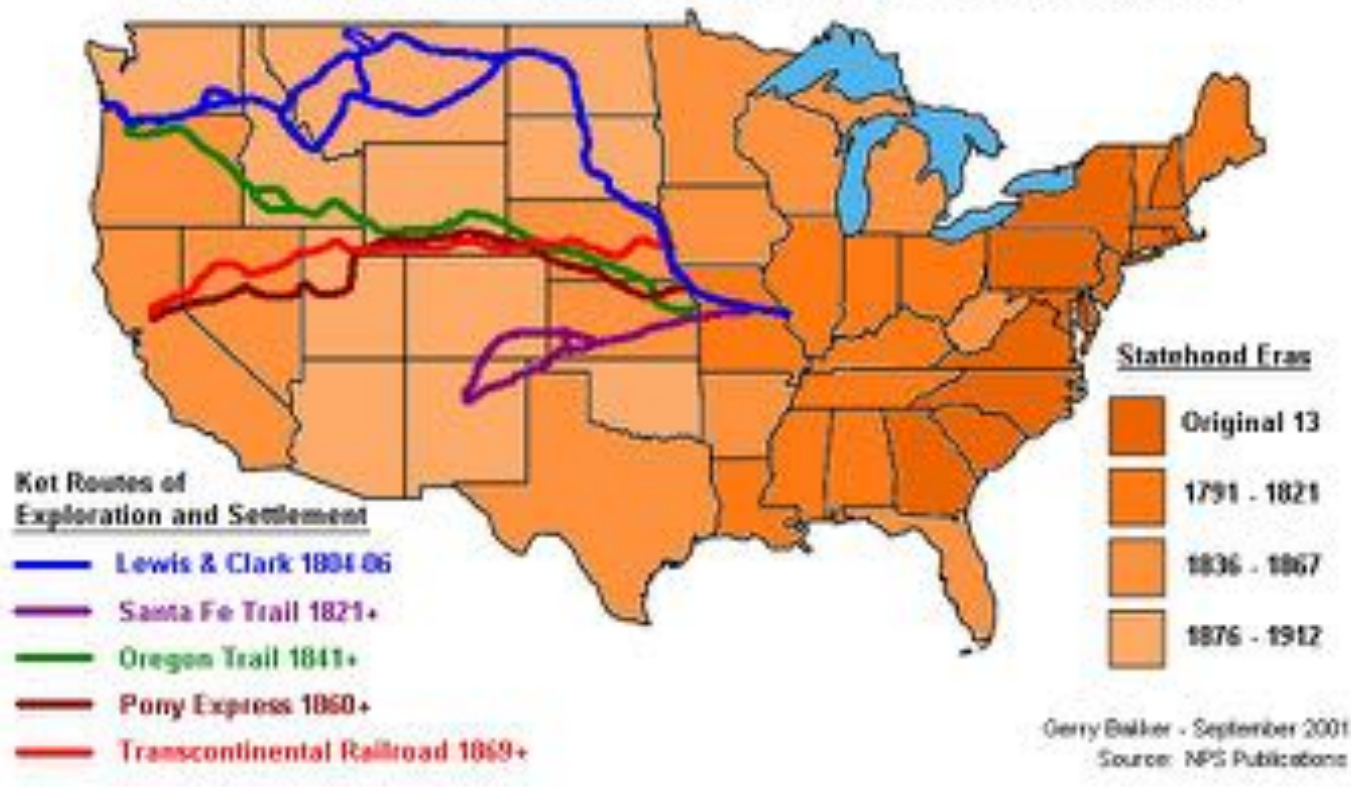


U.S. Westward Expansion

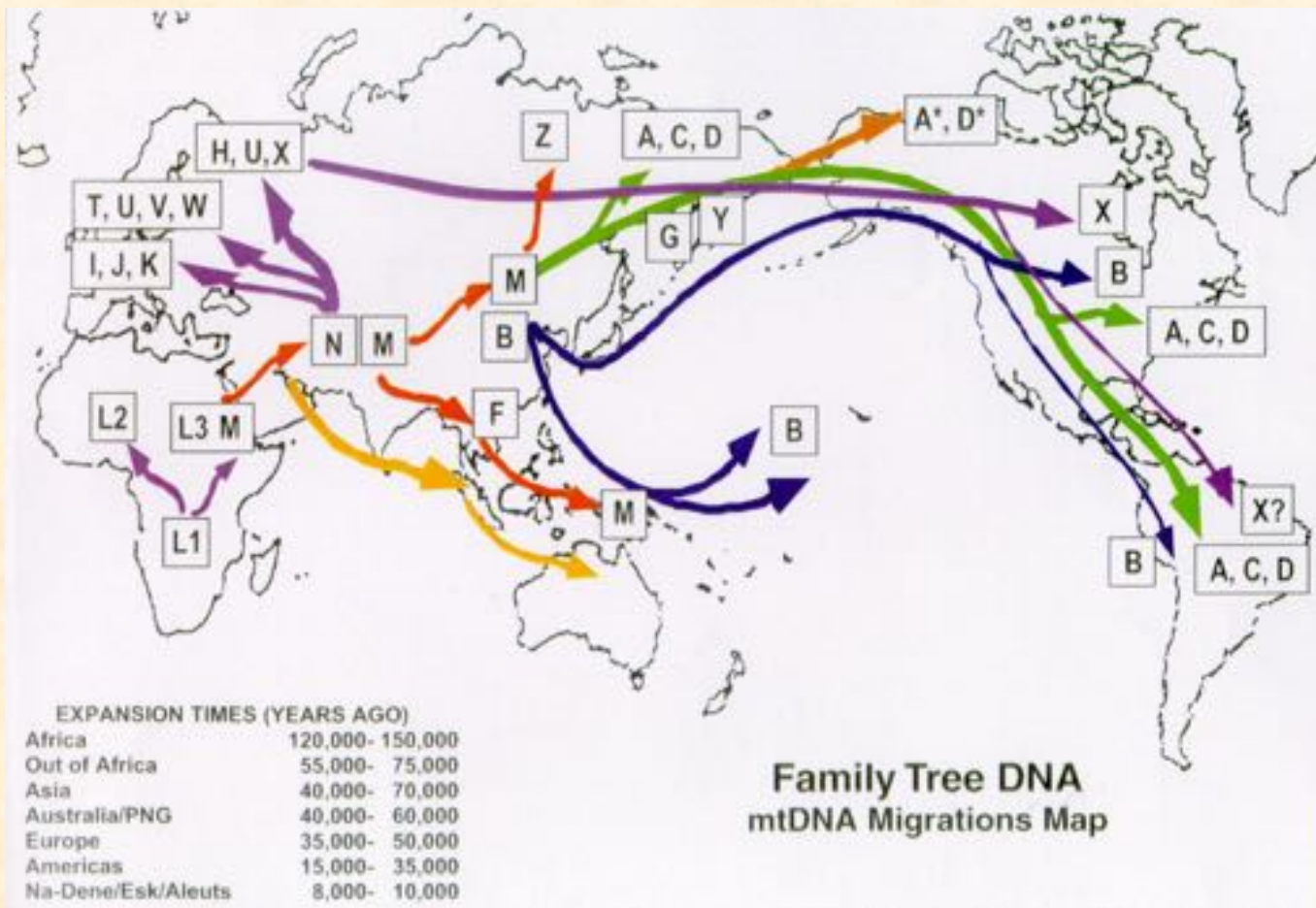
- The early-to-mid 1800s was a time of American settlers moving into new territories in North America.
- The United States felt it was our **Manifest Destiny** to own the land “from sea to shining sea!”

Geographical Movement

Westward Expansion of the United States



Human Species Movement

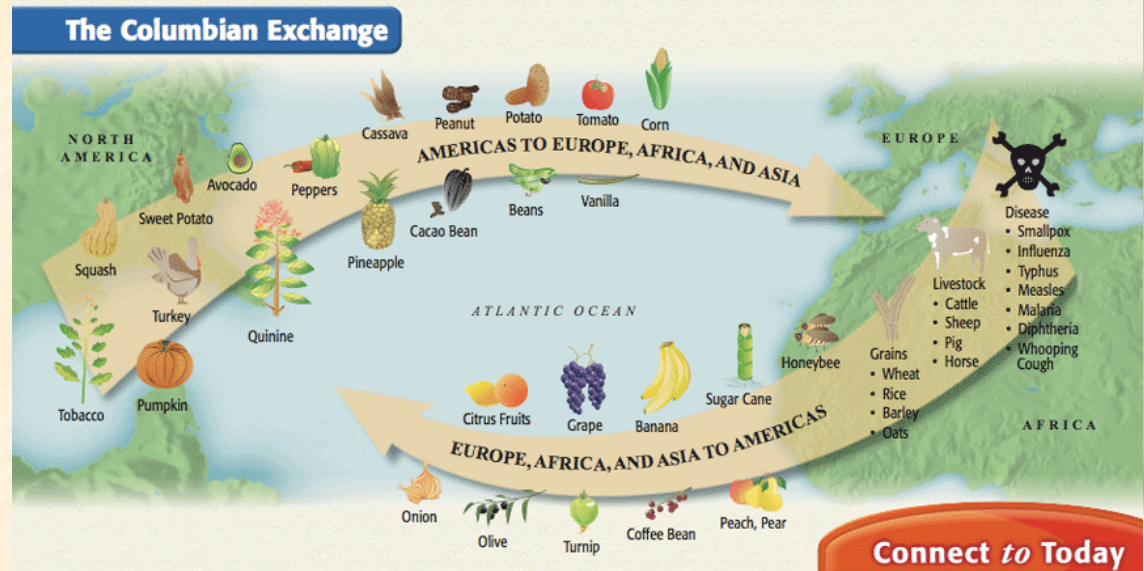


Movement of Culture



As the Roman Empire spread, they brought their culture and language with them. What languages came from the Romans' Latin?

As western nations came to the Americas, explorers brought European culture to the natives, and brought some native things back with them. What were good and what were... um... *not so good?*



Region

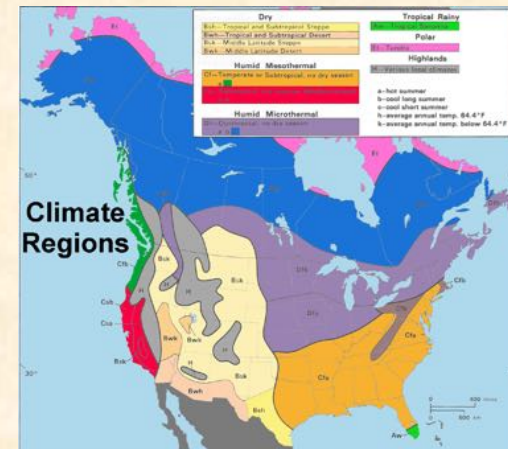
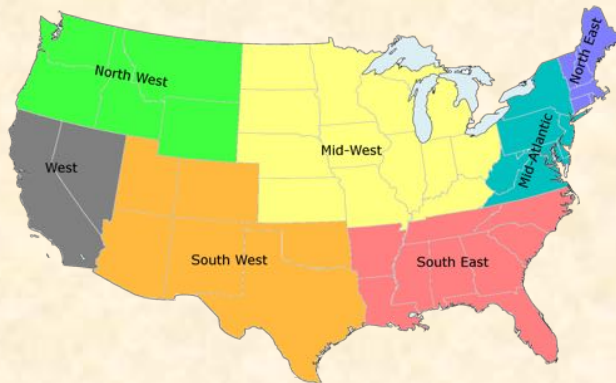
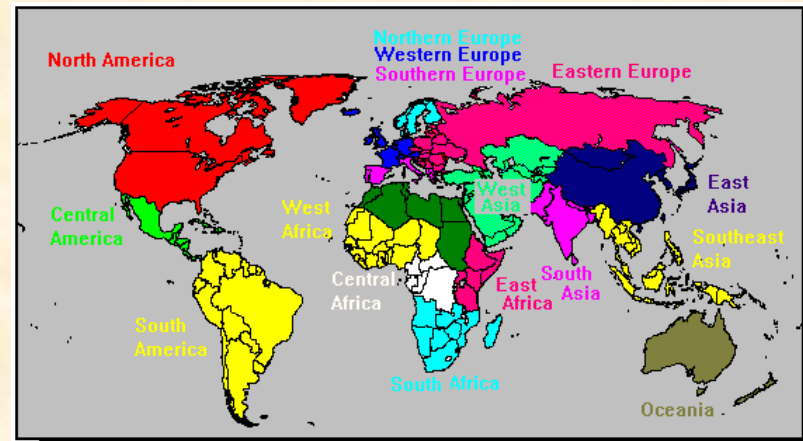
What around us is like us?

A region is defined by all of the things in an area that are similar. They could be physical, cultural, natural, or manmade.

Examples

- Official public boundaries like cities and states
- Areas of the United States that give rise to *sectionalism*
- Useful regions like the circulation area of a newspaper
- Areas in our “mental maps” but not official

This region is different from that region, but the same as everything right around it...



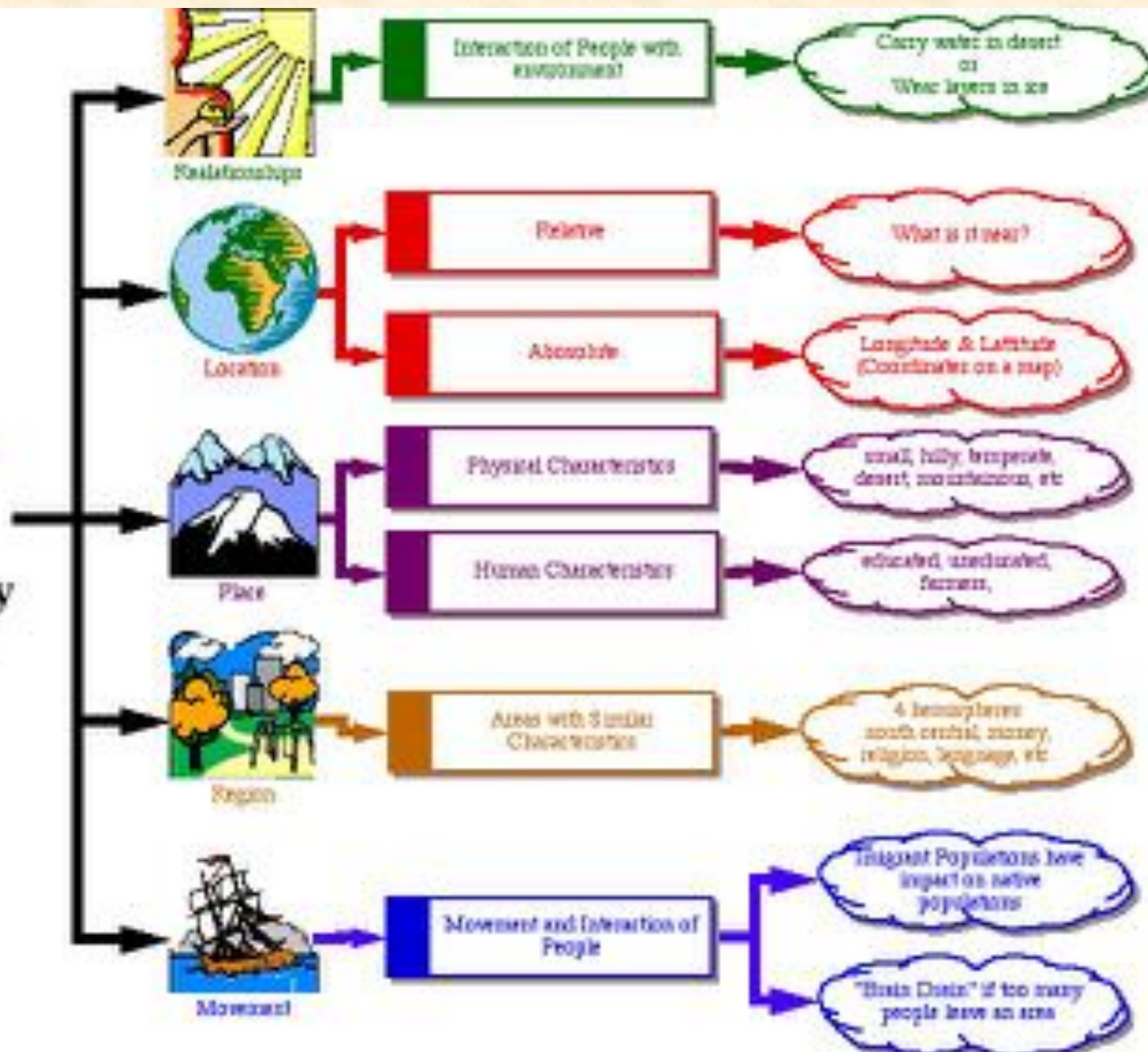
Local Regional Maps



What are some things that make up the Chicago-land region?



**5
Geography
Themes**



5 Themes Memory Hint

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M - Movement

R - Region

HE - Human Environment Interaction

L- Location

P - Place





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