

Welcome to...
Thinking Like a
Geographer!





Billy-Joe was great on sport but lousy on geography.

Hey, what's the BIG idea?!

- Geography is the study of the Earth and the ways we interact with Earth.



- Geographers came up with five different ways to study the Earth and its people.



The Five Themes of Geography!



1. **Location** – WHERE is it?
2. **Place** – WHAT is it like there?
3. **Human/Environment Interaction** – HOW do people interact with the environment?
4. **Movement** – HOW is the place connected to other places?
5. **Region** – HOW do common features help us understand this place?

Location, Location, Location!

- Absolute Location is the **exact location** of a place.
- How do you identify the absolute location of your house?



Where Are YOU?!

- What is the absolute location of your desk in our room?
- Can you think of another way to describe your location in the classroom?



It's all Relative, my Dear!

- Relative location is when places are described in relation to other objects, items, people or places.
- What items or objects might you use to help guide someone to your home? To your school? To the grocery store?



Features of Relative Location

- Physical Features – landforms, plants, animals, bodies of water.



- Human Features – roads, bridges, cities.





Human - Environment

Interaction can occur in **three**
different ways:

- USING the environment.
- ADAPTING to the environment.
- CHANGING the environment.

Fill in the blanks on your chart!



MOVEMENT!



- What are some questions Geographers ask about movement?
- The theme of movement helps connect multiple areas of social studies!
- HISTORIANS investigate cause and effect.
- What type of movement might an ECONOMIST be interested in?

Moving on up!

- Using what you learned about Michigan history, place the correct cards in the correct square.
- Who are the **PEOPLE** that moved **TO** Michigan? **FROM** Michigan?
- What are the **GOODS** that came **TO** Michigan from other areas? Goods that traveled **FROM** Michigan?

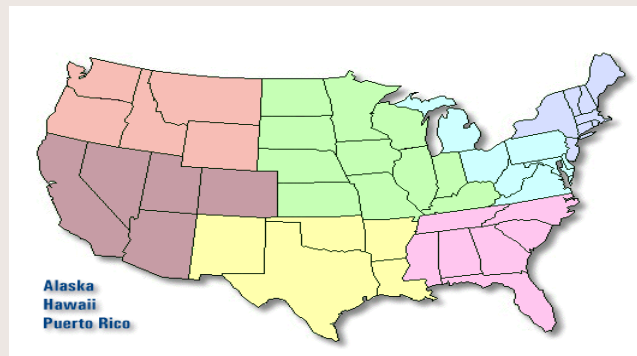
Creating Regions



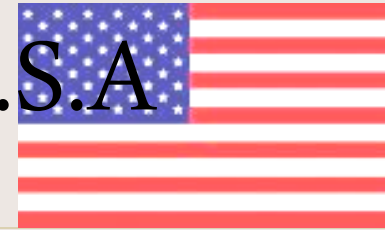
- REGIONS are categorized as sharing similar features, physical or human made.
- Using your maps, can you come up with at least two ways to divide the state of Michigan into two regions?

On a National Scale!

- Michigan also is part of different regions of the United States.
- Michigan is part of the Midwestern Region AND is a part of the Great Lakes Region of the United States.



The Good Old U.S.A



- Using the acronym, **MR HELP**, develop FIVE questions about the United States. One constructed to address each of the FIVE themes of Geography!

