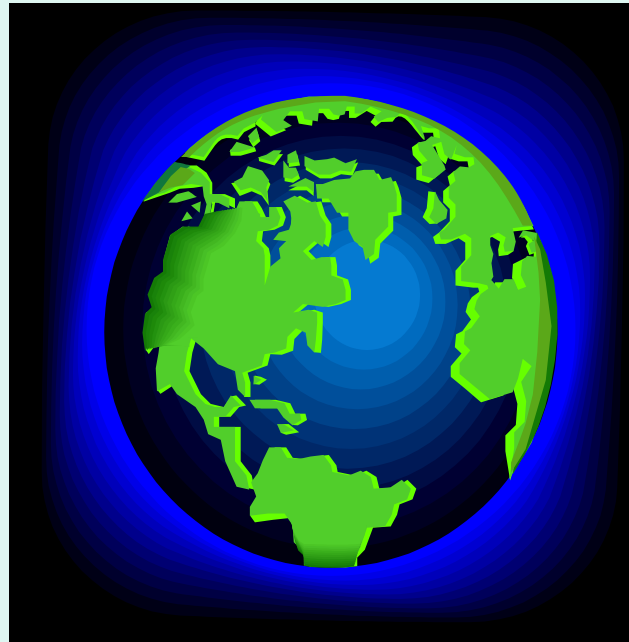


How Should I Study Geography?



The 6 Essential Elements of Geography

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- 1. The World in Spatial Terms
- 2. Places and Regions
- 3. Physical Systems
- 4. Human Systems
- 5. Environment and Society
- 6. The Uses of Geography

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Directions: Draw the chart below. Complete the boxes with information learned in the presentation.

#	Element	Description of Element
1	World in Spatial Terms	
2	Places & Region	
3	Physical Systems	
4	Human Systems	
5	Environment & Society	
6	Uses of Geography	

1. The World in Spatial Terms



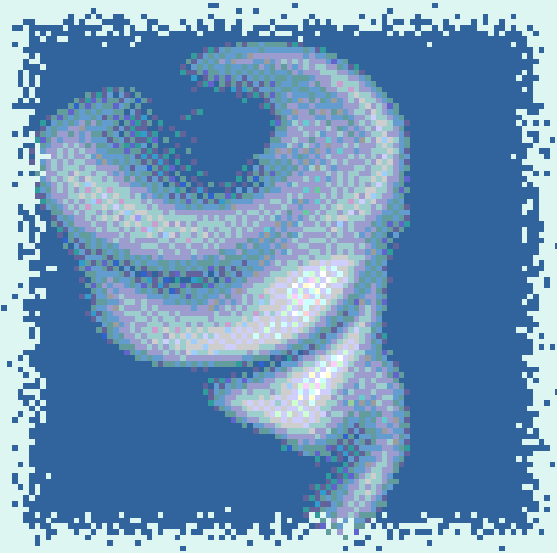
- **Location-** Where is it?
 - **Absolute Location-** exactly where it is using latitude and longitude or an address (37N, 63 W or I live at 123 North Ave.)
 - **Relative location-** Where something is located according to something you already know (I live Near the Baptist Church or Tampa is about an hour west of Orlando.)

2. Places and Regions



- **Place** (what it is like, makes it unique or special)
 - Physical Characteristics- Mother Nature put it on the earth, natural
 - Human Characteristics- people put it on the earth, man-made
- **Region** (share more than one characteristic with another place)
 - Natural Characteristics- climate, landscape
 - Cultural Characteristics- language, religion, government

3. Physical Systems



- Natural changes
 - How things like hurricanes, volcanoes, and glaciers shape and change the earth's surface
- Communities of plant and animals
 - depend on the one another and their surroundings for survival

4. Human Systems



People



Ideas



Goods

- **Movement** is how things move from place to place. (This can be movement of people, ideas and/or beliefs, and goods.)
- Describes how people have shaped our world.

5. Environment and Society

- **How humans effect the environment**
 - Good effects- planting trees for oxygen
 - Bad effects-pollution from industries
- **How the environment effects human**
 - Good effects- growing crops on the side of the mountain
 - Bad effects- the weather effects the clothing and shelter



6. The Uses of Geography

- Understand the relationships among people, places, and environments over time
- Understand the past and prepare for the future

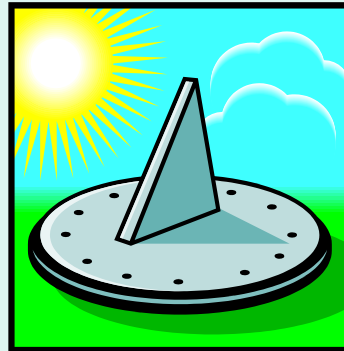
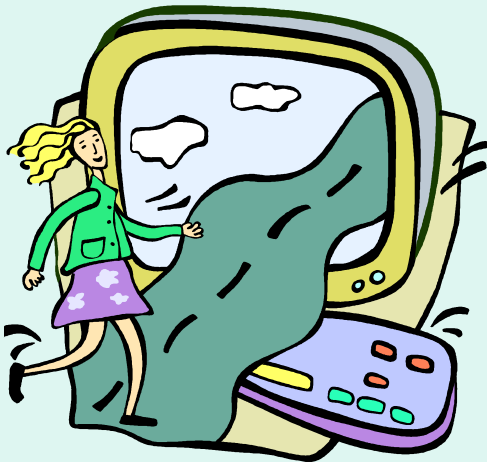


Photo Analysis Activity

Directions: For each photograph in the following series, 1) select the element you think the photo best represents and 2) explain your reasoning for your selection.

	Name of Element Depicted	Reasoning for Selection
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		
F		

A



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