

My State—Five Themes of Geography Brochure

Research of one of the states in the United States and use the research to create an informational brochure applying The Five Themes of Geography. You will create the brochure in computer class and conduct the research in social studies class.

Use knowledge you already know as well as research on-line (see the website list on the board) and books. The more questions on this guide you answer with your research the more information you will have for your brochure.

Location: Where is the state?

- Include ABSOLUTE and RELATIVE locations

Place: What is it like in in the state?

- What are the PHYSICAL and HUMAN characteristics?
- What is the natural environment like (forests, plains, or access to water)?
- What makes different from other states?
- What are the cultural features unique to the state (memorials, statues, or buildings)?

Region: What regions is the state part of?

- What political regions exist?
- What climate regions exist?
- What cultural regions exist?
- What governmental regions exist?
- What economic regions exist?

Human/Environment Interaction: How is the land used?

- How do people depend on the land?
- How have people adapted or changed the land?
- How has the land changed overtime?
- What local resources to people depend on?
- What is the climate like?

Movement: How do people, goods, and ideas move?

- How do people get around?
- How is the state you chose linked to other states or countries through trade, travel, and technology?
- What goods are manufactured?
- What is imported (moved into) or exported (moved out)?

My State-Research Notes

Name: _____

Hour: _____

State

LOCATION

ABSOLUTE (1) -

RELATIVE (2) -

PLACE

PHYSICAL Characteristics (2) -

HUMAN Characteristics (2) -

REGION(S)

(2)

HUMAN/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

How do people modify, adapt, or depend on the land? (2 each)

MOVEMENT

How do people, goods, and ideas move? (2 each)

What sources did you use for your research? For now, just keep a list of the different sources you used both online and text in this space.

My State- Five Themes of Geography Project-Essay Option

The typed or handwritten essay should follow the format below. Attached to the writing should be a cover page that includes the name of the state, a picture of the state and one state specific picture to represent each of the Five Themes of Geography (five pictures total one for each theme).

Students Name Here

Hour Here

Title Here: State Name Five Themes of Geography

Paragraph #1: LOCATION

- A paragraph that gives the absolute and relative location of the state.
- The paragraph must be at least four (4) sentences

Paragraph #2: PLACE

- A paragraph explaining the physical and human characteristics of the state.
- The paragraph must be at least five (5) sentences

Paragraph #3: REGION

- A paragraph that explains the regions the state is part of.
- The paragraph must be at least five (5) sentences

Paragraph #4: HUMAN/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

- A paragraph explaining how people use the land.
- The paragraph must be at least five (5) sentences

Paragraph #5: MOVEMENT

- A paragraph explaining how people, goods, and ideas move.
- The paragraph must be at least five (5) sentences

My State- Five Themes of Geography Project-Poster Option

The poster option is a visual representation of your research. The design of the poster should reflect the themes of geography. You will include captions or brief paragraphs of information along with pictures, photos, drawings, and/or pamphlets as long as it is appropriate for the topic. This poster is INFORMATIONAL, so it should have enough written information that it clearly explains your findings about the state you chose. Each theme should have a minimum of two to a maximum of five visuals and information in either a caption or paragraph explaining the visual.

A few important details:

- Poster board may NOT be larger than 11 x 17 and should be made of poster board (*ABSOLUTELY NO display boards accepted*)
- I will give each student who chooses the poster project one piece of poster board
- Use **bold** and dark lettering for theme titles
- Do not squeeze excessive amounts of material on the poster as it becomes hard to read and less organized
- Be sure to check spelling (especially of the themes titles)
- Title your poster: State Name- Five Themes of Geography

Example poster design:

