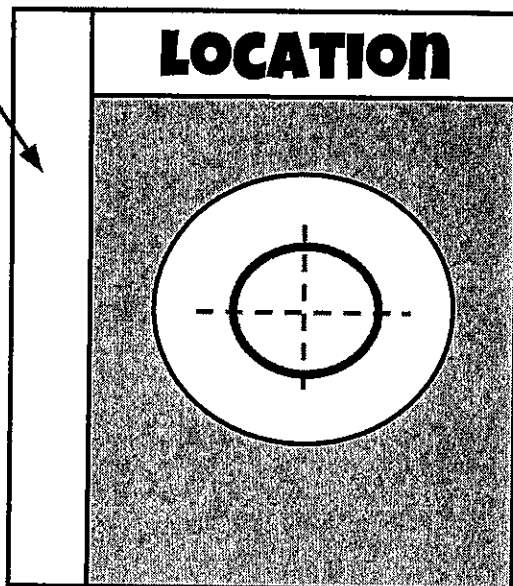


FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

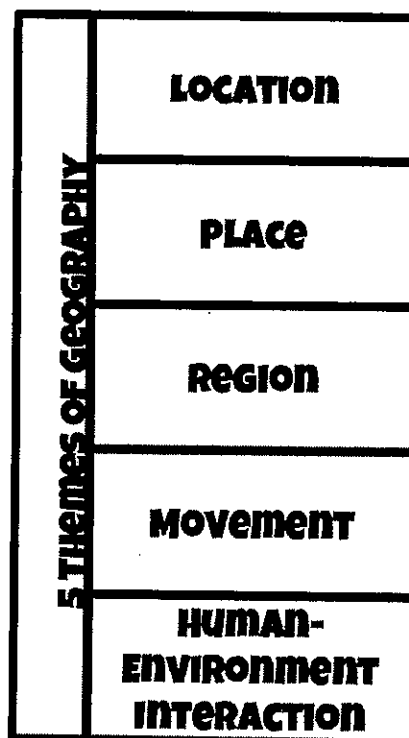
Want to get your kids engaged with the five themes of geography? Well, you've come to the right place! Included in this unit you will find:

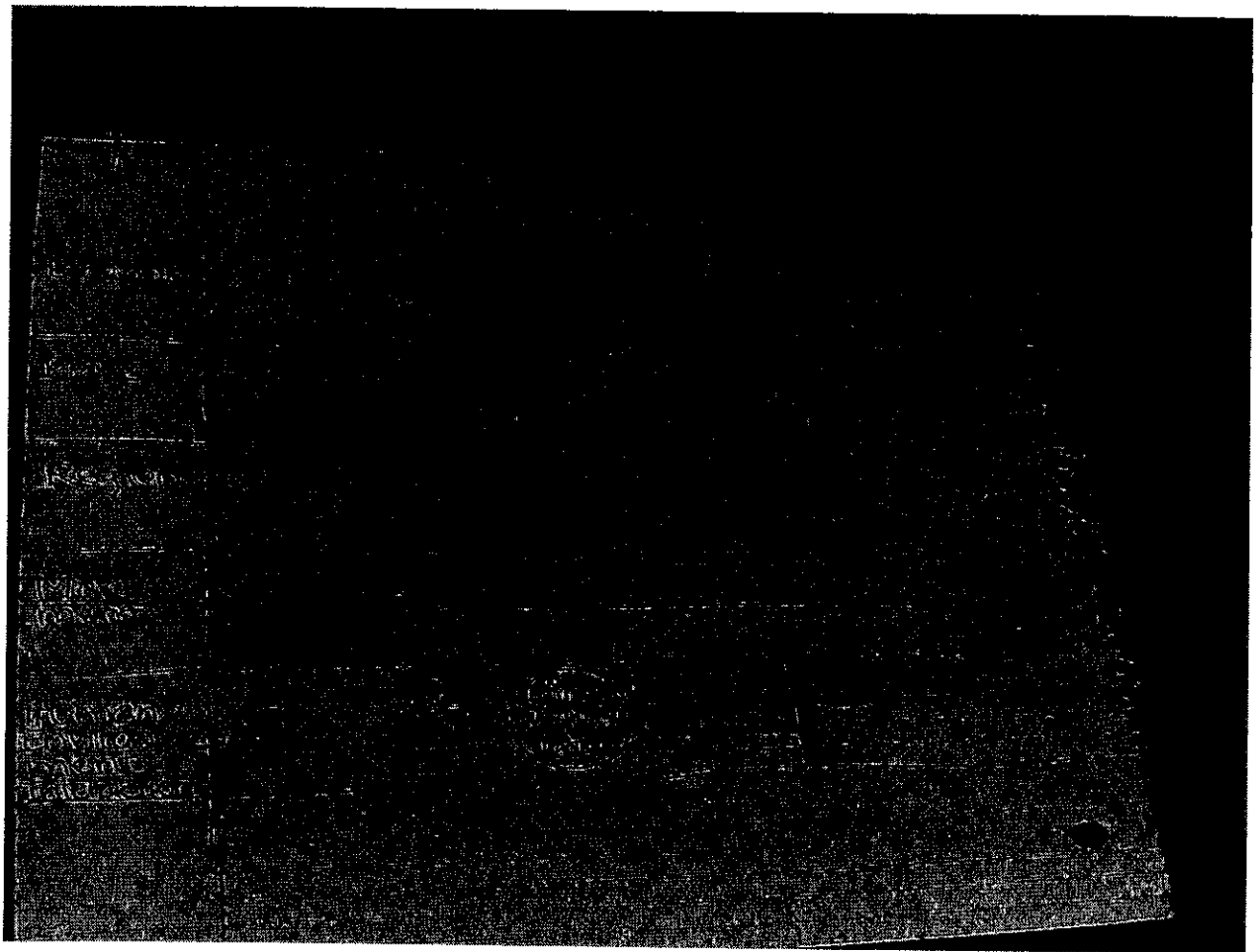
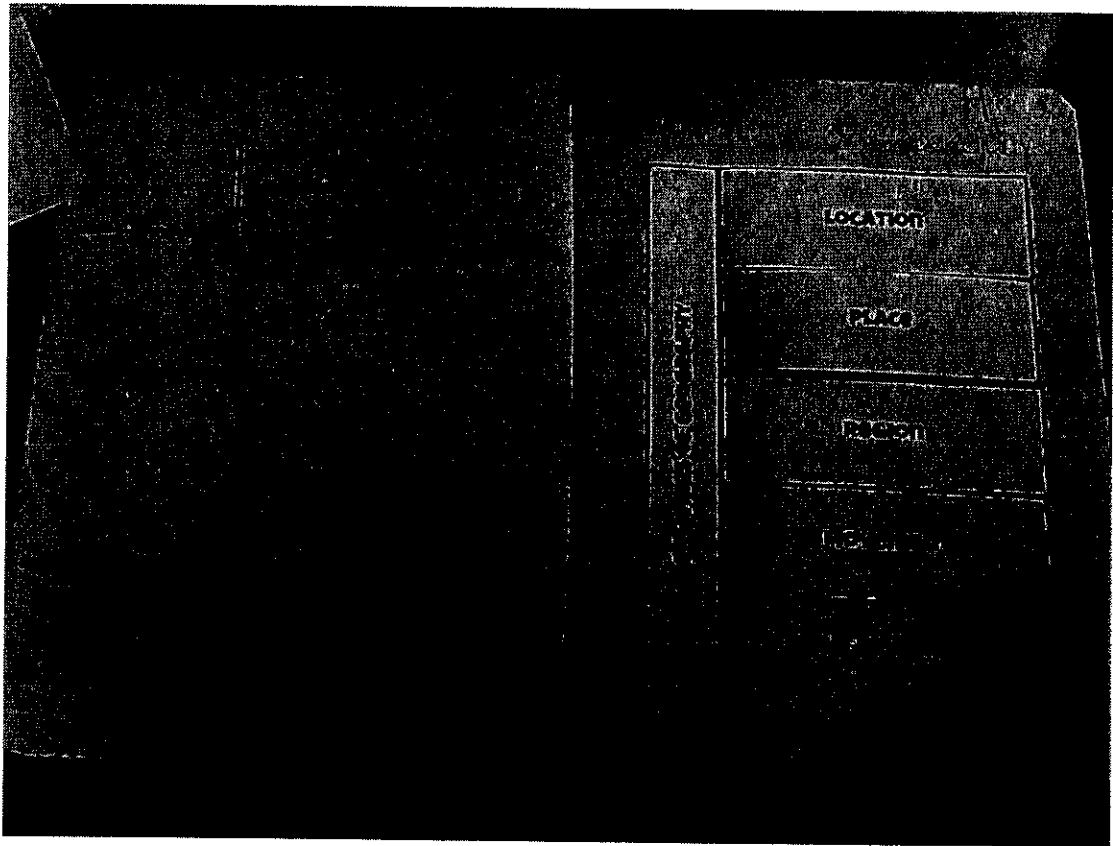
1. A reading on the five themes of geography that is sized to be put into an interactive notebook.
2. A notebook flippable that students can use to take notes on each theme and illustrate them for better understanding.
3. A short quiz for formative assessment.
4. Four exploratory activities for students to test out their newly acquired knowledge. Included are four post cards describing different places in the United States. In each postcard, three different themes of geography are described. This would work great as a station activity or a museum activity where these are hung around the classroom. They are also sized to fit into a notebook.
5. An answer key for the post card activity.
6. A PowerPoint Presentation for whole group correction of the postcards.
7. Black and white flippables for each theme. Students could glue these into their notebooks and describe the different examples they are gathering from the postcards.
8. A color set of the flippables.
9. A final project and rubric that asks the students to create a new place in the world based on the five themes.

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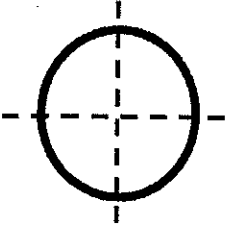
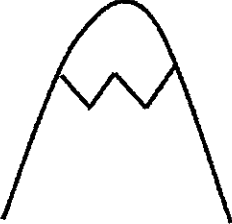
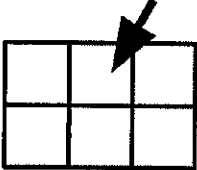

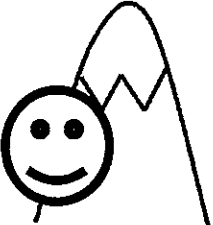
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THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the earth, it's land, it's people and it's environments. When you study geography, you should be looking at five distinct themes.

LOCATION		Location describes where something is on earth. You can have absolute location , which describes exactly where it is located. To do this you could use degrees of latitude and longitude or an exact address. You can also describe a place using relative location . This is when you describe it in relation to another place. You might say it is near, above, west of, etc.
PLACE		Place describes the physical and human characteristics of a place. Physical characteristics are things like terrain, height above sea level, landforms and climate. One human characteristic a place has, is population.
REGION		Region describes the similarities you may find in a place. These can include language, culture and similar historical background.
Movement		Movement describes how people, goods, information and culture got to a particular place.
HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION		Human - Environment Interaction describes how humans have changed a particular place (such as through canals, highways, etc.) and how humans adapt to the environment around them (like wearing jackets in cold climates).

Directions: Cut out the entire flippable. Cut the lines in between each theme up to the side bar. Place glue on the back of the sidebar and glue into notebook.

5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY	LOCATION
	PLACE
	REGION
	MOVEMENT
	HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

Themes of geography, there's got to be five,

Location and then place, no lie.

Human-environment interaction, no surprise,

We need movement and region, and now we've arrived ...

First theme, where is it? That's location,

Location's fascinating when you're planning your vacation.

Absolute location, that's exact,

Using longitude and latitude to know where it's at

On the map, measured in degrees with no thermostat.

But location can be relative too, yeah in fact,

That's when you relate the location to a person or place.

Like, find the Bahamas southeast of the States.

Number two is place, ask the question, "What is it like?"

What makes this place different from the other places? All right,

Well, we might want to look at physical characteristics,

The natural environment, yeah, I'll get specific.

Talking 'bout climate could mean sandstorms, or snow, go keep your hands warm.

Plus the flora and fauna, that's plants and beasts, plus geologic landforms,

I did that sort of fast, rewind it if you missed it.

The other part of place is looking at human characteristics,

What are the people like? Nah, I don't mean are they nice.

What's their population density and religion like?

What's their language? What's their clothing? What food is on their plate?

In the US we eat pancakes, but in France they have those crepes.

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At theme three, "What's that son?" The latest hottest fashion,
Is to study human-environment interaction.

How do we depend on our environment? Do you

Know Egyptian farmers used the Nile flood to grow food?

How do we modify our environment? Oh man,

We build irrigation ditches, landfills and dams.

How do we adapt to our environment? You know,

We build buildings to keep the heat in when it gets cold.

Theme four is movement — we study how and why

People move, like to escape persecution or crime.

Or for new opportunities, like the Gold Rush,

You could hitch your wagon or be walking through the cold slush.

It's not just people that move, if we're staying honest,

Certainly merchants are trading all the latest hottest products.

Ideas spread by communication and technologies,

Cultures move with languages and philosophies.

We gotta be ready for theme five, it's region,

An area with unifying features for some reason.

Now let's run through some regions, there are many types,

"How and why are places similar?" It could be like,

A political region, could be defined by landforms like a lake,

A cultural region might have a common tongue.

Lots of features, regions can be based off more than one, one!