

The 5 Themes of Geography

Unit 1

What is Geography?

- It is the study of the earth's surface: includes people's responses to topography and climate and soil and vegetation.

What are the 5 Themes of Geography?

- Remember “MR. HELP”
- Movement
- Region
- Human/Environment Interaction
- Location
- Place

Movement

- How people, products, and ideas get from one place to another.
- Examples : People using the highway, we have a television made in Japan, we receive an email from Turkey



Physical and Human Characteristics

Physical Characteristics

- Things that are not man-made
 - Rivers, Mountains, Animals, Climate

Human Characteristics

- Things created by humans
 - Religion, Language, Clothing

Physical Characteristics



Human



Region

- Dividing areas around the world based on similarities the areas have.
- Could be physical or human characteristics



Regional Map of the USA



'Which States Do You Consider Part of the South?'

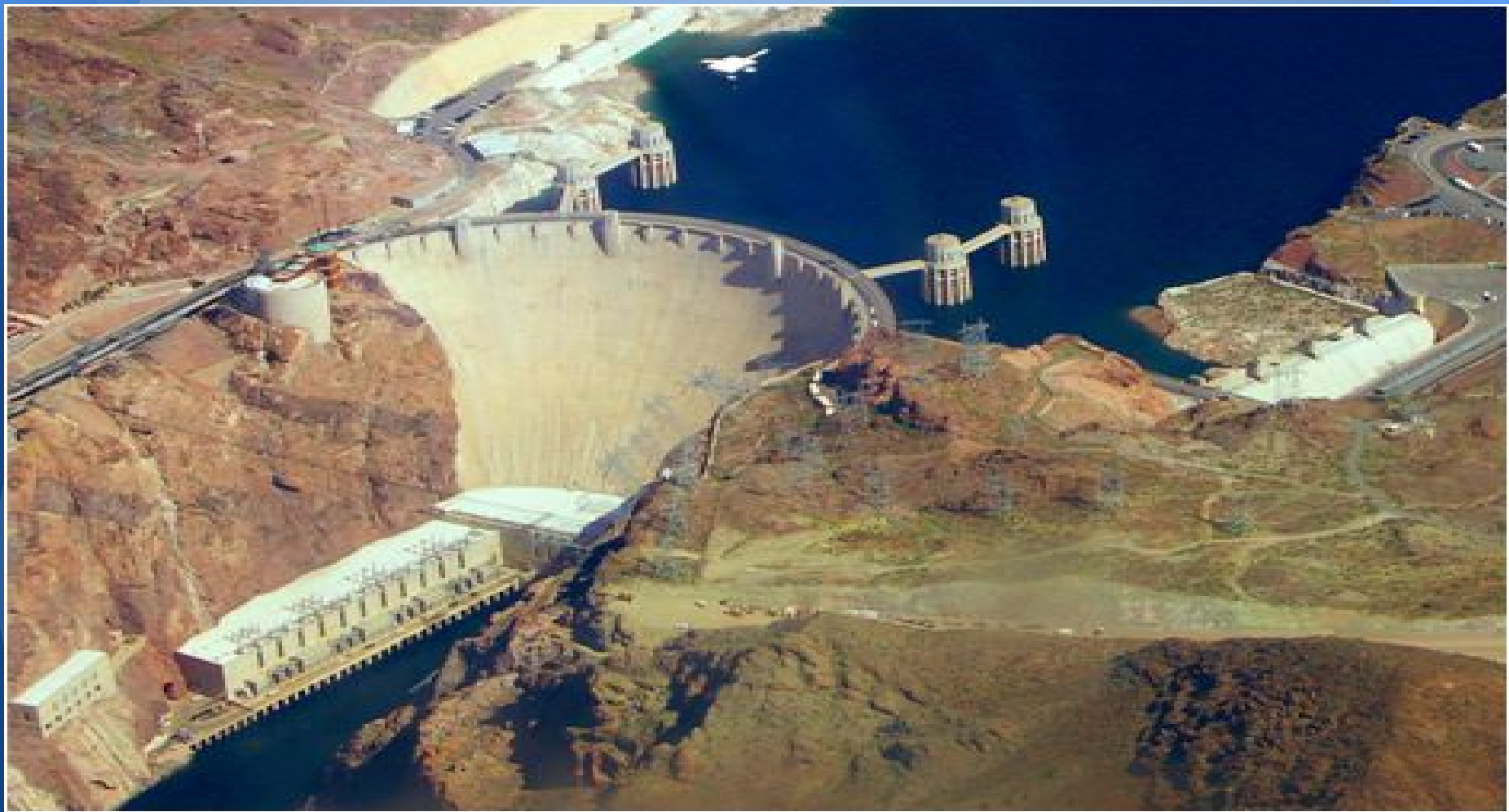
Percentage classifying each state as part of the South, from a survey of 1,135 people identifying "some" or "a lot" as a Southerner



Human/Environment Interaction

- How people interact with their surroundings
- Both positive and negative







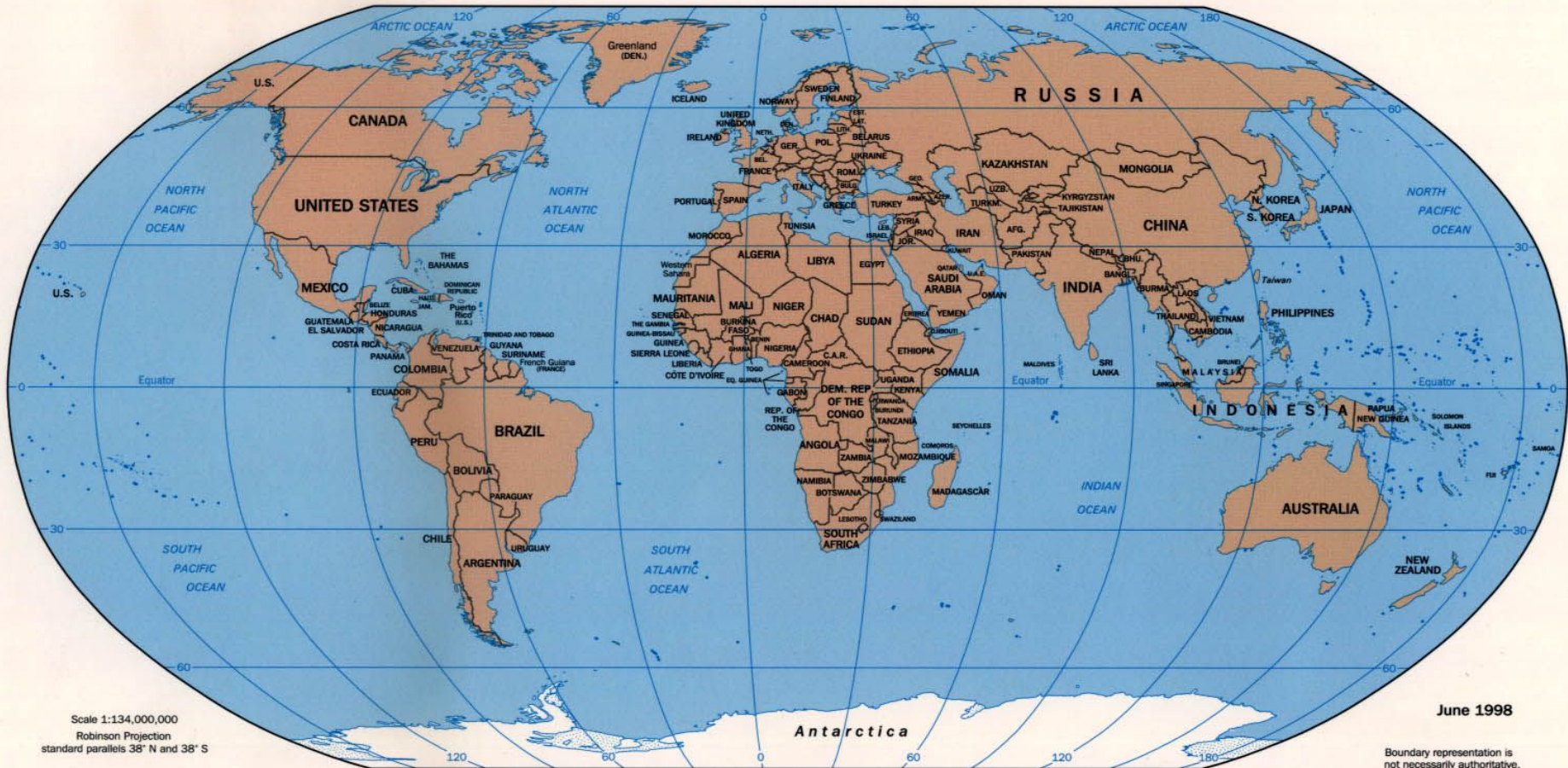


Location

- Where a place is Located on Earth
- Two Types of Location
 - Relative
 - Absolute

Absolute Location

- Is given in degrees of latitude and longitude (global location) or a street address (local location).
 - Paris, France is 48° North Latitude and 2° East Longitude.
 - The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.



Scale 1:134,000,000
Robinson Projection
standard parallels 38° N and 38° S

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Boundary representation is
not necessarily authoritative.

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Relative Location

- Relative location depends upon point of reference. It's like you saying it is a near, far, or short drive.
- Described by landmarks, time, direction or distance. From one place to another.



**NEXT EXIT
9 MILES**



Navigation app interface showing a route from Franklin, Kentucky 42134 to Nashville, Tennessee. The interface includes a menu icon, a close icon, and a list of destinations. The selected route is highlighted in blue.

Franklin, Kentucky 42134

Nashville, Tennessee

Add destination

Leave now

OPTIONS

[Send directions to your phone](#)

via I-65 S **50 min**

Fastest route, the usual traffic 45.5 miles

DETAILS

Place

- Physical or Human Characteristics that makes a certain area unique.
- Things that only that area has that no other area does.

Bowling Green, KY



Taj Mahal, India



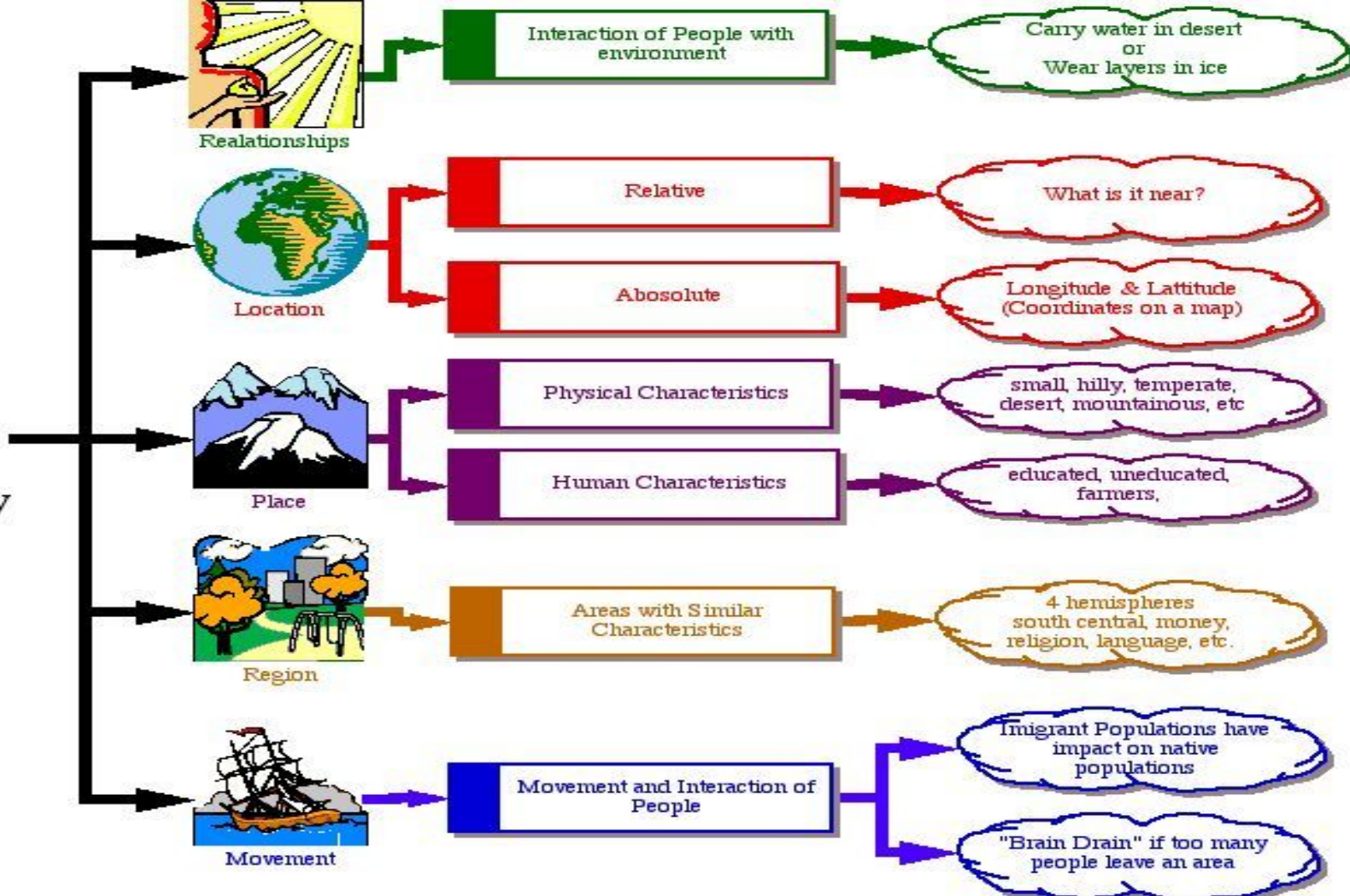
Rocky Mountains,
USA





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Geography Themes





1. Location
2. Place
3. Human-Environment Interaction
4. Movement
5. Regions



PRACTICE: Discuss the 5 THEMES in this picture.



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