

5 Themes of Geography

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Location

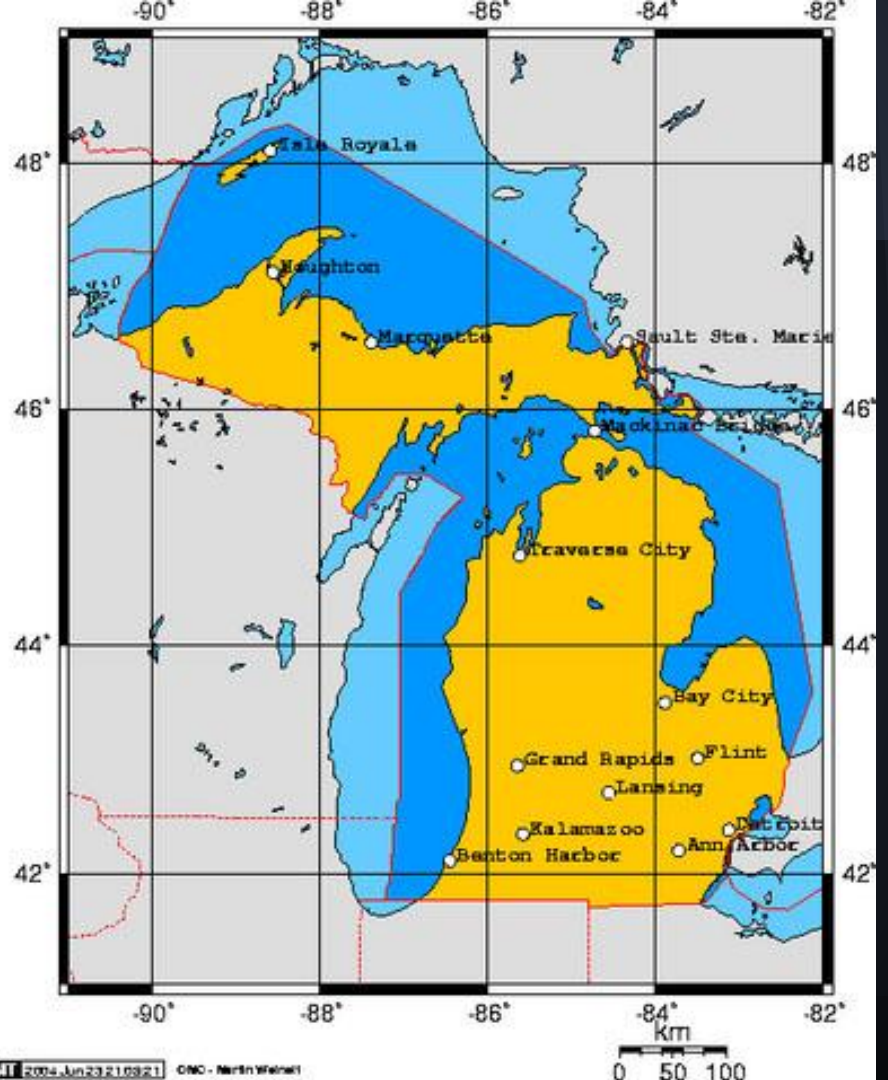
Most geographic study begins with learning the location of places.

Location can be absolute or relative.

Absolute Location

Longitude

Latitude



Relative Location

Michigan is north of Ohio.



Place

Place describes the human and physical characteristics of a location.



Physical Characteristics



Physical characteristics include a description of the mountains, rivers, beaches, topography, animal and plant life of a place.

Human characteristics

Human characteristics include the human-designed cultural features of a place, from land use and architecture to forms of livelihood and religion to food and folk ways to transportation and communication networks.



Human-Environment Interaction

This theme considers how humans adapt to and modify the environment. Humans shape the landscape through their interaction with the land; this has both positive and negative effects on the environment.

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Movement



Humans move, a lot! In addition, ideas, fads, goods, resources, and communication all travel distances. This theme studies movement and migration across the planet.



Region

Region divides the world into manageable units for geographic study. Regions have some sort of characteristic that unifies the area.

Great Lakes Region



5 Themes Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mwkqgb4EHuA>