# Geography Vocabulary

#### 5 Themes of Geography

- 1. Location This deals with relative and absolute location (latitude and longitude).
- 2. Place Place describes the human and physical characteristics of a location. Physical characteristics include a description such things as the mountains, rivers, beaches, topography, and animal and plant life of a place.
- 3. Human Environmental Interaction This theme deals with how humans interact and modify the environment.

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4. 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.

5. Region - Region divides the world into manageable units for geographic study. Examples include cities, states, countries, "the South," or "the Midwest."

• Continent - A massive land area

 Country - A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory; an area of land of a nation

 Island — A body of land smaller than a continent and completely surrounded by water







 Border — An imaginary line that divides two countries

• Boundary — A natural border that divides two

countries





 Peninsula — A land area that is surrounded by water on three sides

 Plain — Low-lying stretch of flat or gently rolling land

 Channel — A body of water joining two larger ones.



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#### Review

1. What are the 5 themes of Geography?

2. What is the difference between an island and a peninsula?

3. What is a channel?