

Pre-AP Five Themes of Geography Book Report

To be submitted to Turnitin.com before 11:59p.m. on the due date
(There will be a 10-point deduction for each day late.)

In your book report you will analyze a nonfiction book using the Five Themes of Geography. The report will begin with a paragraph summarizing the book, after which you will write a paragraph for each of the Five Themes of Geography as they appear in your book. The final paragraph will describe why you would or would not recommend the book to a fellow student. Each section is to have a separate subtitle (in the following order).

SUMMARY –

Your first paragraph is to be a summary of the book **in your own words**. (Do not write what is in the jacket or back of the book or borrow from an online book review.) This should not be longer than half of a double-spaced page.

LOCATION –

Where are you? Location can be absolute location or relative.

Your report must contain four examples of location. You must list at least one absolute location from your book and at least one relative location from your book. You must explain why your example is either absolute or relative location. Absolute location must be latitude and longitude coordinates or an address. Relative location examples must compare where two locations are in relation to each other.

Each example must be followed by a page reference.

For instance: An example of insert theme here is _____ because _____. (Pg.??)

PLACE –

What is it like when you get to this place?

Your report must contain four examples of place. You must write about at least one physical characteristic of a place and at least one human characteristic of a place. You must explain if the given example is a human or physical characteristic and how it shows this. Some physical characteristics are topography, climate, native vegetation, natural resources and animal life. Examples of human characteristics of place are agriculture, architecture, religion, culture and economics. **Each example must be followed by a page reference.**

REGION –

Areas that share one or more common characteristic are regions.

Your report must contain four examples of region. You must list at least one formal region, one functional region, and one perceptual region from your book. You must explain why your example is formal, functional, or perceptual. If you mention a formal region, you must discuss the common characteristics that make it a formal region. You must explain the movement that creates a functional region. You must identify the aspects of the region that make it perceptual.

Each example must be followed by a page reference.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION –

How do humans depend on, adapt to, or modify their natural surroundings?

Your report must contain four examples of human-environment interaction. You must list at least one example of humans adapting, one example of humans depending on and one example of humans modifying their environment. You must explain why your example demonstrates humans adapting to, humans depending on, or humans modifying their environment.

Each example must be followed by a page reference.

MOVEMENT –How is the flow of people, goods and ideas represented in your book?

Your paragraph must contain four examples of movement. You must have at least one example of people moving, one example of goods moving and one example of ideas moving. You must explain in each example if the movement is that of a person, good or idea and how it shows this. **Each example must be followed by a page reference.**

CONCLUSION

Would you recommend this book to a friend? What things did you like about the book? Were there things about the book that you did not like? Should this book be kept on the book report selection list?

FORMATTING

The book report is to be divided into sections with the same subheadings that appear above (in the same order).

The Book Report Rubric is attached on the next page. You should refer to it early and often.

If you select a book that is not on the list provided in class or on the library list, you must bring it to the teacher for approval.

Only one book selection is allowed per class. We will use a random number generator in class to determine order for book selection.

To access the Suggested Book Report List:

1. Go to the WHS Website.
2. Select “Library Research Center” on the left side of the web page.
3. Under “Blogroll” to the right, select “WHS Library Catalog.”
4. Select “Westlake 9th Grade Center.”
5. Select “Resource Lists” on the left side.
6. On the top right-hand side, select “public lists.”
7. Select “Geography Book Report.”

Note: If you click the details icon to the right of the title you can read a short summary about the book.

Book Report Rubric

Name _____ Period _____

_____ **Format:** Double-spaced; 12 point Times New Roman Font (5pts)

_____ **Number of Pages:** 4 full pages (5points); 3 1/2 pages (4 points), 3 pages (3 points),
2 1/2 pages (2 points), 2 pages (1 point)

_____ **Intro Paragraph** summarizing book – do not summarize the book jacket or borrow from
an online book review. This is plagiarism and will result in a “0.” (5pts)

Location Paragraph

_____ Ex#1- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **absolute location**.

_____ Ex#2- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **relative location**.

_____ Ex#3- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **absolute or relative location**

_____ Ex#4- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **absolute or relative location**

Region Paragraph

_____ Ex#1- 2pts correct example given; 2pts correctly explains **formal region**

_____ Ex#2- 2pts correct example given; 2pts correctly explains **functional region**

_____ Ex#3- 2pts correct example given; 2pts correctly explains **perceptual region**

_____ Ex#4- 2pts correct example given; 2pts correctly explains **formal, functional, or perceptual**

Place Paragraph

_____ Ex#1- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **human characteristics of place**

_____ Ex#2- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **physical characteristics of place**

_____ Ex#3- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **human or physical characteristics**

_____ Ex#4- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **human or physical characteristics**

Human-Environment Interaction

_____ Ex#1- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **adapting to the environment**

_____ Ex#2- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **depending on the environment**

_____ Ex#3- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **modifying the environment**

_____ Ex#4- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **adapting, depending or modifying**

Movement Paragraph (people, goods or ideas)

_____ Ex#1- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **movement of people**

_____ Ex#2- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **movement of goods**

_____ Ex#3- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **movement of ideas**

_____ Ex#4- 2pts quote with page number; 2pts correctly explains **movement of people, goods or ideas**

Conclusion Paragraph (5pts)

_____ Thoughtful discussion of the merits of the book selection

Comments:

_____ **Total Points**

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- It is recommended that you choose a book you would enjoy reading rather than one a friend is reading.