

Skill Worksheet

Analyze the Five Themes of Geography

The five themes of geography are helpful tools for analyzing geographic information in charts, pictures, or maps. The five themes are: *location*, *region*, *place*, *movement*, and *human-environment interaction*. To use the five themes, start by reading any supporting information, such as a caption or key. Then analyze the content of the visual or text by studying its elements, or parts.

Carefully examine the painting below. Then use a separate sheet of paper to answer the questions below.



The Granger Collection, New York

Symbols of the Dutch Empire The Dutch painting *Jacob Mathieusen and Wife* (c. 1650) shows a senior official in the Dutch East India Company (a trading company) overlooking the Dutch fleet in Batavia, Indonesia. A slave holds a parasol, an Asian symbol of power.

Five Themes of Geography	
Location	In what country did this scene take place?
Movement	How do you think people and goods moved from place to place?
Region	What do you think the climate in this region was like? What government was in power?
Human-Environment Interaction	How do you think the environment of this place affected how these people lived?
Place	What landforms can you see?