

Cross Country Vacation Plan (Write in complete sentences, and quality work only.)

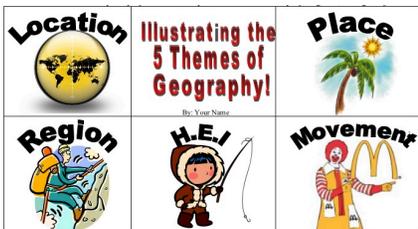
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Use the themes of geography to plan a trip around the United States. Your trip must go all the way across the country (from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific or the inverse). Your trip plan must include:

1. Stop in five (5) states and visit their state capitals.
2. One (1) place within each state that is of interest to you.
3. Describe each state using the themes of geography.
4. Describe the transportation that you will use, explain the practical reasons for why you chose that mode of transportation, and list the cost of that transportation.
5. Write a short description about each state that you must travel through to get across the country.

5 Themes of Geography



Location: Where am I? What is my absolute location? What is my relative location?

Place: What are the physical and human characteristics of the places you will visit?

Region: What are the shared characteristics of this state or point of interest?

Movement: What people, goods, and ideas are moving in and out of the state?

Human-Environment Interaction: How are people and the environment affecting each other?

List of States

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky

Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota

Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

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State #1: <u>California</u>	
1. Capital city	California's State Capital is Sacramento.
2. Place of interest	I am interested in going to Yosemite National Park.
3. Descriptions	Use the five (5) themes of geography to describe this State.
> Location	Absolute: The Latitude and Longitude of Yosemite National Park is 37.8499° N, 119.5677° W. Relative: Southwest United States
> Place	Yosemite Nation Park : Yosemite NP "... is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area,... (http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm)" Only park rangers and other national park staff are allowed to live there. The U.S. government invites people from around the world to work in the park, and you can camp there for a fee.
> Region	California is a Costal region , California is distinct from many states around it, because it is home to a wide range of ecosystems, which include forests, deserts, coastal marine, riparian, river, and urban. It is also the most populous state in the southwest.
> Movement	People, ideas, and goods all move in and out of California. For example, immigrants from other countries such as Mexico, Canada, and China move to CA to start new lives or work on farms. Visit the Silicon Valley in Northern California, and you will find the hub of the information superhighway, where ideas flow freely in and out of California and around the world.
> Human-Environment Interaction	California has many natural resources, one of those resources is oil located off its coast. Demand for oil caused California to drill off-shore. You can see the oil rigs dotted along the coast and oil spills have caused damage to sea life.
4. Transportation	Car, Train, Plane, Bicycle, Hike/Walk, Boat, other: _____RV_____
> Reason > Cost	I chose to rent an RV, because I want to see as much of the country as possible. Taking an RV allows me to stop and camp in many different types of places, from rural to urban areas. The cost will be \$200/day

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State #2: _____	
1. Capitol city	
2. Place of interest	
3. Descriptions	Use the five (5) themes of geography to describe this State.
> Location	
> Place	
> Region	
> Movement	
> Human-Environment Interaction	
4. Transportation	Car, Train, Plane, Bicycle, Hike/Walk, Boat, other: _____
> Reason > Cost	

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State #3: _____	
1. Capitol city	
2. Place of interest	
3. Descriptions	Use the five (5) themes of geography to describe this State.
> Location	
> Place	
> Region	
> Movement	
> Human-Environment Interaction	
4. Transportation	Car, Train, Plane, Bicycle, Hike/Walk, Boat, other: _____
> Reason > Cost	

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State #4: _____	
1. Capitol city	
2. Place of interest	
3. Descriptions	Use the five (5) themes of geography to describe this State.
> Location	
> Place	
> Region	
> Movement	
> Human-Environment Interaction	
4. Transportation	Car, Train, Plane, Bicycle, Hike/Walk, Boat, other: _____
> Reason > Cost	

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State #5: _____	
1. Capitol city	
2. Place of interest	
3. Descriptions	Use the five (5) themes of geography to describe this State.
> Location	
> Place	
> Region	
> Movement	
> Human-Environment Interaction	
4. Transportation	Car, Train, Plane, Bicycle, Hike/Walk, Boat, other: _____
> Reason > Cost	

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