**5 Themes of Geography Terms**

*Directions: The first column contains key terms from our study of the 5 Themes of Geography. In the center column, write the definition for each key term. Finally in the right-hand column, write a sentence using the key term OR draw a picture to represent the term.*

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| **Key Term** | **Definition** | **Sentence or Picture** |
| 1. compass  rose | A directional indicator used on maps to indicate north, south, east, and west. |  |
| 2. equator  | The imaginary line that circles the earth exactly halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole. |  |
| 3. scale | The part of the map that indicates the true distance between two points |  |
| 4. legend/key | The part of a map that provides an explanation of the abbreviations, symbols, colors, etc |  |
| 5. globe  | A scale model of the earth |  |
| 6. physical map | A map which shows the physical features of a region, which may include elevation, mountains, rivers, etc. |  |
| 7. political map  | A map which shows political units such as states and countries, their borders, and major cities |  |
| 8. geography  | The study of the world, its people, and the landscapes they create |  |
| 9. Prime  Meridian | The line running through Greenwich, England that divides the earth into east and west. |  |
| 10. hemisphere | Half of the planet or a globe |  |
| **Key Term** | **Definition** | **Sentence or Picture** |
| 11. latitude | The imaginary lines running around the earth parallel to the equator that measure the distance north or south of the Earth's equator. |  |
| 12. longitude | The imaginary lines going up and down that measure distance east or west of the Prime Meridian |  |
| 13. Absolute  Location | Specific description of where a place is located; often expressed using latitude and longitude |  |
| 14. Relative  Location | A general description of where a place is located; often expressed in relation to something else |  |
| 15. Movement | How people, goods, and ideas are moved from place to place |  |
| 16. Region | a part of the world that has one or more common features that distinguish it from surrounding areas |  |