

Grade 6 Benchmark Writing Prompt

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- A. Identify the five themes of geography and briefly explain each one.
- B. Choose a place that you are familiar with and discuss one human impact on the environment and one environmental impact on humans in that place.

Rubric for Scoring this Question

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student provides clear, complete, accurate and detailed response for each part of the prompt.• Student is able to apply the five themes of geography by providing evidence in discussing the human and environmental impact.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student provides clear and accurate response for each part of the prompt.• Student is able to apply, to some degree, the five themes of geography by providing some evidence, in discussing the human and environmental impact.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response is partial, possibly an unclear explanation and contains a mix of accurate and inaccurate information.• Student is able to offer a limited application of the five themes of geography in discussing the human and environmental impact.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response is unclear, not complete, with minimal explanations. Student provides little to no application of the five themes of geography in discussing the human and environmental impact.
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response is incorrect or contains insufficient information.