

## Honors Essay: Using the 5 Themes

Directions: Write a one to two page *descriptive* essay about the city you currently live in. Use the questions of the '5 Themes' of Geography to help you explore the nature of your community. Be sure to include each element of the 5 themes in your essay with examples from your community: location (absolute and relative), place (physical and cultural), human-environment interaction (how people change the environment and how the environment influences people), movement (people, goods, and ideas), region (what areas are similar to your place and what do these areas have in common). **Caution:** Do not write *about* the five themes—just use the themes to help describe your city.

One technique of good writing is to imagine that you are writing your description to someone who has never been to your community. That way you will not leave out important characteristics that are common to people who live here, but may be different to people who are from other places.

Do not double space between paragraphs, but indent.