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HOW MAY THE UNITED STATES BE DIVIDED INTO REGIONS?

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Geography Awareness Week is always the third week of November. As your "Token Geography Expert," what better way to have a captive audience of some of the best teachers in the country?

Most geography textbooks you will be seeing for adoption this year will try to use the five unifying themes of geography (see the ...)

ADAPTATIONS

## THE FIVE UNIFYING THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

The National Geographic Society (NGS) and several other organizations—the

and the American Geographical Society (AGS)—have actively promoted the use of five unifying themes in the teaching of geography. The five are used to

affected by cultural background and technological resources.

People depend on the environment for their basic needs and for many recreational activities.

People adapt to the environment with the clothing they wear, the housing they build, and the way they use the land. Patterns related to seasons, climate,

People change the environment with their techniques of farming, forestry, and mining. Modern transportation systems deplete resources and cause air pollution.

#### M O V E M E N T

People, products, information, and ideas move in patterns that

*united states*

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