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Being There: Sense of Place Inventory

Reading the Landscape:

Begin at the lodge and walk the students to the pavilion discussing the landscape surrounding them. You can lead the discussion at various points on this short walk with the following questions:

What are some words you would use to describe the LOCATION of Camp Albemarle?

What are some words you would use to describe how this PLACE is different from your own neighborhood? How is it the same?

What do you see at Camp Albemarle, which reminds you or shows you MOVEMENT? (This can include movements of people, objects, or ideas)

What do you see at Camp Albemarle, which might make you think of a REGION? Explain your answer.

Sketch or write a description of something you see at Camp Albemarle, which shows you HUMAN/ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTION (how people have changes or been changed by these surroundings). You may sketch your answer on the bottom of this paper.

Location Lesson:

Five Themes in Geography

- Location – Relative, Absolute
- Place
- Human-environment interactions
- Region
- Movement

Location Absolute and Relative

A location is the place in space where a particular point or object exists. For example, the Empire State Building is located at the intersection of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City, New York. That is the building's **absolute location**. However, location can also be expressed in relative terms. Relative location is a description of how a place is related to other places. For example, the Empire State Building is 227 miles north of the White House in Washington, D.C.

Relative location helps us analyze how two places are connected, whether by distance, culture, or even technology. Directions like north, south, east, and west help describe where one place is in relation to another. The city of Kyiv, Ukraine, is about 1428 miles east of London, England. That's a pretty formidable distance. However, though the two U.S. cities of Key West, Florida, and Anchorage, Alaska, are even farther apart—3999 miles—they share the same language, national government, and continent.

In geography, coordinates of longitude and latitude help pinpoint the exact, or absolute, location of a person, place, or thing. Knowing a location is 0 degrees longitude and 51 degrees latitude tells you it's probably near Greenwich, England. Knowing the location is 0 degrees longitude, and 51 degrees, 28 minutes, and 40 seconds latitude tells you the location is the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. At the Royal Observatory, directions like left, right, upstairs, and downstairs give visitors even more exact locations.

Coordinates and **directions** can help you tell the precise location of almost anything on Earth.

Place

Place is where a person might want to live in. Place is the description of what it is like to live in a certain place. Examples are government types, climate, etc

Human-environment interactions

Humans interact with the environment in many ways. Human-environment interaction describes how people interact with the environment, and how the environment responds. Scientists currently are debating how much the environment has changed in response to how humans have emitted certain pollutants into the atmosphere. Adding things to the environment like bridges, are examples of Interaction. (ex. adding a train railroad across

the valley is a interaction between human and environment) Each environment reacts in its own way if it reacts at all.

Movement and Migration

Transportation is considered movement. Movement is the travel of people, goods, and ideas from one location to another, or political events. Examples of movement include America's westward expansion, the Information Revolution, and immigration. New devices such as the airplane and the Internet allow physical and ideological goods to be transferred long distances in short time intervals. A person's travel from **place** to place, and the actions they perform there, are also considered movement. Movement in the old days was very hard because people would travel on wagons and the barriers would stop them

Region

Region can be defined in five ways which are physical, political, cultural, economic, and climate.

