

The Place Station

The theme of place addresses the question:
What is it like there?

This theme considers the characteristics that make one place different from all other places on earth. Geographers describe a place by **TWO** kinds of characteristics:

Physical Characteristics

Make up the natural environment: land forms, bodies of water, climate, soils, natural vegetation, and animal life.



Human Characteristics

Come from human ideas and actions: bridges, houses, parks, land use, population density, language patterns, religion, architecture, and political systems.



Task 1:

1. Describe the physical characteristics of the area that Burns Lake is in.
2. What are some of the human characteristics that describe Burns Lake? For example, what types of houses are there? What types of industry are found, and how might they be different from industries in other parts of the country?

Task 2:

As a group, play the game **Earth Picker** on the SmartBoard (earth-picker.com). You are taken to a place (you can swivel around to view the area), and have to try to pinpoint where in the world you are. Play all five rounds, and record your score (Distance After all Five round in KM) on your paper. We will compare to see which groups got the lowest scores!