**Basic Geography Facts:**

* There are seven continents & five oceans
* The earth moves 67,000 miles an hour
* It takes 365 ¼ days for the earth to travel around the sun
* The earth has four seasons
* Seasons are opposite in the Northern & Southern Hemisphere
* Latitude is the distance north or south of the Equator
* Longitude is the distance east or west of the Prime Meridian
* Lines of latitude are called parallels and run east/west
* Lines of longitude are called meridians and run north/south
* Using latitude and longitude helps you locate places in the world
* The earth’s temperature can be measured in Celsius or Fahrenheit

# **The Five Themes of Geography**

1. Location – Where is it located in space?

2. Place – What is the area like? population/climate/language…

3. Region – Grouping many places by common characteristics

4. Movement – When people, goods, ideas, animals & plants move!

5. Human-Environment Interaction – Explains how humans interact and change the world in which they live. (For better or worse!)

# **Basic Social Studies**

## Social Studies is a generic term that combines history, geography, economics, government, and culture. History is the study of the recorded past. It is concerned with what people did in the past and how it changed the world we live in. Geography deals with the natural world and how mankind interacts with it. Economics is the study of how people use limited natural resources to meet their unlimited desires or wants. Government examines how societies organized the running of their societies. The ways people live and what they do and believe is a part of culture. Culture includes every aspect of what it means to be a human being. It includes what we eat, where we live, what we live in, how we speak, what we believe, what we do – culture includes everything that humans do!