

CLASS 11TH SUBJECT GEOGRAPHY

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What are the Branches of Geography?

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Human Geography

This is one of the major branches in geography and it mainly covers studies of the human race. This normally involves understanding a human population's backgrounds, how the interactions and the perceptions that members of that human population have for various ideologies affecting them.

In addition to this, the discipline also studies the way in which the groups of people that inhabit the Earth organize themselves in the particular regions that they inhabit.

Urban geography is the study of human populations in a built environment. A view of a suburban subdivision being developed in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Image: USGS, public domain.

As a matter of fact, many other branches of geography normally fall under human geography.

Modern applications of human geography can include mapping human migration, showing the movement of food resources and how they impact communities, and the impacts climate change can have on humans living in vulnerable areas.

Physical Geography

Physical geography is a major branch of the science of geography, and it mainly deals with the study of the natural characteristics of the Earth.

It covers both features that are on the Earth's surface as well as those near it.

Researchers are using satellite technology to see the landmass that exists under Antarctica; additionally, there is work that continues to be done to explore and map the physical makeup of the land underneath our oceans.

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