

MAGNETIC STATEMENTS HANDOUT

With your partner, read the Magnetic Statements below again. Highlight or circle words or phrases that together you believe are important in the study of geography. In the “We Re-Think” column of your graphic organizer, expand your previous “We Think” sentences to include at least two more ideas from the Magnetic Statements, using your own words as much as possible.

1. “The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It’s about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it’s about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.”—**Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States**
2. “It is impossible to understand history, international politics, the world economy, religions, philosophy, or ‘patterns of culture’ without taking geography into account.”—**Kenneth C. Davis, American historian**
3. “Without geography, you’re nowhere.”—**Jimmy Buffett, Singer/songwriter**
4. “What makes a nation in the beginning is a good piece of geography.”—**Robert Frost, American writer.**
5. “We should know more about basic geography than we know about the personal lives of actors.”—**Author Unknown**
6. “Culture makes people understand each other better. And if they understand each other better in their soul, it is easier to overcome the economic and political barriers. But first they have to understand that their neighbor is, in the end, just like them, with the same problems, the same questions.”—**Paulo Coelho, Brazilian author**
7. “Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans.”—**Evo Morales, President of Bolivia**
8. “Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women’s empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all.”—**Ban Ki-Moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations**