

5 themes of geography - Mrs. P's favorite place Romania – Transylvania (Vlad's castle)

Location: Absolute – 45.5149 degrees North and 25.3672 degrees East

Location: Relative – Transylvania is located in central Romania. To the east and south it is bordered by the Carpathian Mountains.



Place: When visiting this area, it is like stepping back in time. The infrastructure is very poor. Trains run late, streets have potholes, driving through the Carpathians is rough (especially at night). Sometimes you have to share the road with the gypsy wagons, slows everything down. It is also heart breaking when you see animals just roaming around. However, it is also breath taking. During the evening you see so many stars, you hear the wolves howling, and the air is fresh.



Human and Environment interaction: Even though the castle is kept intact, it is modernized. Humans have also built roads to make crossing the Carpathians easier. Many restaurants, hotels, and cafes are created b/c Transylvania is a tourist stop.



Movement: As mentioned above, Transylvania is a tourist stop. You can fly to Romania, drive a car, or take the train to Transylvania. Technology has helped the spread of ideas because of social media. Since Transylvania is a tourist spot, disease and ideas travel very fast.



Region: Transylvania, Romania is in Eastern Europe. Its culture is more closely related to Russia, and even Turkey. They follow Eastern Orthodox Christianity, and they have many superstations.



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