

## A Short List of GEOGRAPHIC Questions<sup>1</sup>

- Where is it?
- Where does it occur?
- What is there?
- Why is it there?
- Why is it not elsewhere?
- What could be there?
- Could it be elsewhere?
- How much is there at that location?
- Why is it there rather than anywhere else?
- How far does it extend already?
- Why does it take a particular form or structure that it has?
- Is there regularity in its distribution?
- What is the nature of that regularity?
- Why should the spatial distributional pattern exhibit regularity?
- Where is it in relation to others of the same kind?
- What kind of distribution does it make?
- Is it found throughout the world?
- Is it universal?
- Where are its limits?
- What are the nature of those limits?
- Why do those limits constrain its distribution?
- What else is there spatially associated with that phenomenon?
- Do these things usually occur together in the same places?
- Why should they be spatially associated?
- Is it linked to other things?
- Has it always been there?
- When did it first emerge or become obvious there?
- How has it changed spatially (through time)?
- What factors have influenced its spread?
- Why has it spread or diffused in this particular way?
- What geographic factors have constrained its spread?

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Slater, Francis. (1982) *Learning through Geography*, Heineman Educational Books, Ltd. London, UK