

Geographical Methodologies can be used to study the Present and the Past, and to Plan for the Future

GEOGRAPHY OF THE PRESENT: The study of current conditions, interrelationships, and happenings; focuses on “today.” It goes back in time to set the scene and evaluates the present for future interactions.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE PAST: Historical Geography looks at and analyzes the conditions that have led to or influenced the actions of people over time. It emphasizes developmental processes. It studies change.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE FUTURE: Regional and urban planning uses the knowledge gained from the past and present to make assumptions about the future.

All are studied from geographic “dualisms” points of view, using geographic research methods. All can involve library research, fieldwork, data analysis, remotely gathered information, and GIS, and use cartographic methods to portray information spatially.