

## Movement

Movement refers to the shifting of people, goods, and ideas from one place to another. People constantly move in search of better places to live, and they trade goods with one another over great distances. Movement also causes ideas to travel from place to place. In recent years, technology has quickened the movement of ideas and goods.

Boston became known as the Cradle of Liberty because of the movement of ideas. The concepts of freedom and self-government that developed in Boston spread to the other colonies and helped to start the American Revolution.

Boston's subway system, which runs both above and below ground, is the oldest in the nation.

**THINKING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY** What are some of the different ways you spread information and ideas?

## Human-Environment Interaction

Human-environment interaction refers to ways people interact with their environment, such as building a dam, cutting down a tree, or even sitting in the sun.

In Boston, human-environment interaction occurred when officials filled in swampy areas to make the city larger. In other ways, the environment has forced people to act. For example, people have had to invent ways to protect themselves from extreme weather and natural disasters.

**THINKING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY** What are ways that people in your city or town have changed their environment?



### Themes of Geography Assessment

#### MAIN IDEAS

1. What is the relative location of your home?
2. What are three characteristics of the region in which you live?
3. What are at least three ways in which you have recently interacted with the environment?

#### CRITICAL THINKING

4. **Forming and Supporting Opinions** Which aspect of geography described in these themes do you think has most affected your life? Explain.

#### Think about

- ways that you interact with your environment
- how you travel from place to place