# Grosvenor Center Geo-Personality Profile

## Content Areas

1. I prefer to interpret:
   1. physical landscapes
   2. cultural landscapes
2. I prefer to understand:
   1. how landforms change
   2. how cultures and ideas change
3. In beginning any research project, I tend to draw more from my knowledge of:
   1. Earth systems
   2. social/political/economic systems
4. On vacation I tend to seek out:
   1. famous environmental areas
   2. historic landmarks, districts, and memorials
5. In geographic study, I tend to gravitate toward topics relating to:
   1. the environment
   2. human activity
6. On my spare time, I like to learn about
   1. local flora and fauna
   2. a place’s history and language
7. In my work, I discuss regions of the world in terms of
   1. bio/eco-regions
   2. cultural/political regions

## Identity

1. I am an expert in:
   1. a specific place or region
   2. types of human impacts on the Earth
2. I explore, critique, and theorize
   1. place, space, and region
   2. ideas about the human-environment relationship
3. In approaching a topic, I focus on:
   1. exploring overall characteristics of places or regions
   2. the political, cultural, and ecological consequences of land use/land cover change
4. I analyze:
   1. spatial patterns of a phenomena
   2. dimensions of nature-society relations
5. When reading maps, I focus on the:
   1. where there might be clusters of points and features, or how they may affect social geographies
   2. how they influence human perception of the environment
6. I examine global change as it connects to:
   1. the context of places and regions
   2. the overall human-environment relationship
7. Geography stands apart from other disciplines through its contributions to:
   1. place, space, and region
   2. human-environment relations

## Methods

1. I explain geographic problems with:
   1. statistical models
   2. thick description
2. I find greater confidence in my ability to:
   1. analyze chi-square tests
   2. interpret interviews
3. I am curious about how maps
   1. communicate spatial data
   2. convey underlying meanings
4. I find it more important to be able to
   1. master one or more statistical approaches in geography
   2. group statistics with qualitative information
5. I approach geographic topics using
   1. the scientific method
   2. social theories
6. To better understand the world, I prefer to:
   1. measure it
   2. explore different understandings
7. I use computer mapping and geospatial technologies to
   1. perform spatial analysis of an area
   2. tell a story

## Thinking

1. I most want to:
   1. be *the* expert in a sub-specialty
   2. make connections among disciplines and ways of knowing
2. I feel more comfortable working with:
   1. people in my own field/sub-field
   2. people across various disciplines
3. My thinking is oriented toward:
   1. details and specifics
   2. the big picture
4. When examining the geographies of Costa Rica, I would begin with:
   1. studying one phenomenon and then expanding to the whole region
   2. examining the nature of the whole region by exploring the interrelatedness of multiple phenomena
5. I believe that progress in geography depends on:
   1. conducting original research projects
   2. using meta-research to synthesize research from geography and elsewhere
6. True understanding comes having:
   1. an in-depth sense of one or more parts of a system
   2. a general sense of the entire system
7. At conferences, I tend to attend talks and meetings:
   1. relating to my sub-discipline
   2. outside of my specialty

## Contributions

1. I am more interested in considering
   1. ideas and concepts
   2. practical skills
2. As a geographer, I prefer to participate in
   1. academic conferences
   2. community projects
3. I want to know
   1. how geographic ideas evolve over time
   2. how geographic ideas are employed in real-world situations
4. I find interest in
   1. key debates in geography
   2. case studies for how geography is used in the real-world
5. I tend to be more
   1. theoretical
   2. pragmatic
6. I am more interested in
   1. research
   2. service
7. When examining a geography project, I tend to focus on its:
   1. intellectual merit
   2. broader impacts

5 Categories

1. **Content Areas**: Physical/Human
2. **Identity**: Spatial-Chorological/Nature-Society
3. **Methods**: Mathematical/Qualitative-Mixed
4. **Thinking**: Specialized/Integrative
5. **Contributions**: Theoretical/Applied

Add up the number of As and Bs for each category. Each A and B corresponds with a particular characteristic listed below. The more of one answer you have, the more likely you resemble that category as a geographer.

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