

GEOG 251: Landscape Exercise

The purpose of this Web-based exercise, which is worth 25% of your grade, is to increase your knowledge of selected human and physical landscape features that characterize various parts of the United States and Canada.

You are required to submit a 20-page portfolio, to which is attached an additional cover page. Each page is to be headed by a title that corresponds to an item in the list below. The contents of each page must consist of at least one photo and/or map of the topic, together with a write-up that describes the subject and, if applicable, its significance. The written description **MUST** be in your own words, and **NOT** merely something that you have cut-and-pasted from an online source. The verbal portion should be done in regular 12-point type and take up at least half the page. Typing should be single-spaced and have standard 1.5-inch margins to either side (just like this page).

The landscape features you choose should be entirely different than materials you include in your hypothetical trip across North America – the subject of a different course requirement.

While information may be garnered from anywhere on the Web, I recommend you take a good look at Google, which has an excellent inventory of images, maps, and aerial/satellite photographs on a wide range of subjects. Sources of information should be cited where they are used. Every illustration must have a title and source. A separate bibliography is not required.

EXTRA CREDIT: You may earn up to 3 points to your final course average by submitting extra pages on the formula of 1 point per 3 pages. A maximum of 3 points (9 pages) may be earned.

Landscape features

Long lots of the St. Lawrence Valley and Southern Louisiana.
The Welland Canal (example of the locks that connect the Great Lakes)
The Finger Lakes of Upstate New York
New York City's reservoir system
Containerization ports (e.g., Elizabeth, NJ; Oakland, CA)
The site and situation of Boston
The landscape of gentrification
The folded Appalachians
The "Amish country" of Southeastern Pennsylvania
The street pattern of Washington, DC
The poultry landscape of the Delmarva Peninsula
Strip mining and mountaintop removal in Appalachia
Residential development of the Atlantic coast
Florida's Gold Coast (Palm Beach to Miami Beach)
The Florida Keys

Agricultural and urban encroachment on the Everglades
The tourist landscape of Greater Orlando
The metes and bounds survey system
The Mississippi River Delta
The site and situation of New Orleans
Meander loops and oxbow lakes of the Mississippi flood plain
Rust belt landscapes of Detroit
The site and situation of St. Louis
Garden City, Kansas: feed lots
The Congressional Survey System
Wisconsin dairy farms
Farms in the area of "The Corn-Soy Complex"
The site and situation of Chicago
Wheat fields of the Dakotas or Prairie Provinces
Soil polygons in the tundra
A Native American Pueblo of the Southwest
Denver: From CBD to suburban fringe
The geysers of Yellowstone National Park
The U.S./Mexico border at El Paso/Juarez
The site and situation of Salt Lake City
Basin and Range topography
Aspen (conversion of mountainous areas to ski resorts)
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Open pit mining in the Southwest
The saguaro cactus landscape of southern Arizona
The San Andreas fault
The apple orchard landscape of the Columbia River Valley, Washington State
Suburbia and enclosed malls
The Freeways of Los Angeles
The site and situation of San Francisco
Farming and irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley, CA
Napa Valley (CA) wine country
Big Sur
"Redwood country" of Northern California
The fjorded coast and "Inside Passage" of the Pacific Northwest
Clear cutting in the Pacific Northwest
The Cascade Range
Dams on the Columbia River
The site and situation of Vancouver, BC
The Hoh Rainforest, Olympic National Park, WA
Recent lava flows on the island of Hawaii
The site and situation of Honolulu
The site and situation of Valdez
The Alaskan tundra