

## Geography of the US and Canada Required Landscape Assignment

**25% of your final grade**

Create a portfolio of geographic 20 landscapes.  
Choose a mix of any 20 themes from the 80 listed in the  
handout to include in your portfolio.

Due by May 16, 2013

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## SELECTING THEMES

- ❖ The 20 landscape features should be **varied** and **represent many different areas** of the US and Canada -- from the Arctic to Florida and Hawaii. **Choose from the list of 80.**
- ❖ A **mix** similar to the following would provide diversity to your portfolio:
  - 5 physical features
  - 5 cultural features
  - 3 environmental/human impact features
  - 3 features from national/state/provincial sites
  - 2 features from colonial/pioneer times
  - 2 features from urbanized areas
- ❖ **MOTIVATION:** Pretend you are traveling across the continent and taking pictures of what you see for friends and family and need to **explain** them.

## CONTENTS

The **contents** of each portfolio page must consist of the following minimum requirements:

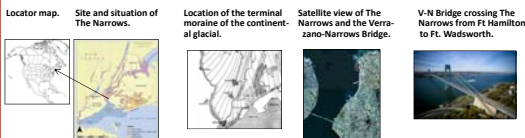
- a **title**
- **one thumbnail locator map** showing the feature's location in North America
- **one detailed readable map** of the landscape feature that shows local information
- **one photograph or illustration or diagram** of the feature in question
- a **half-page written description** of the subject and its significance (*no cut and paste*)

## PRESENTATION

- The **written description MUST be in your own words** (*no cut and paste*).
- The verbal portion is to be done in no larger than 12-point type and take up at least half the page.
- Typing is to be single-spaced and have standard 1-inch margins to either side.
- The layout may be either landscape or portrait mode.
- You may use columns.

## LAYOUT

### Landscape 1 Title: The Narrows of NY Harbor



The Narrows of New York Harbor is a gap in the terminal moraine created at the end of the last Ice Age as the glacial lake located behind the moraine was breached. It marks the entrance to New York Harbor, separating Upper New York Bay from Lower New York Bay. Its deep channel allows the largest ships to enter the harbor. Located between the Long Island and Staten Island, The Narrows protects Upper New York Bay from wind and waves originating in the Atlantic Ocean. Fort Wadsworth (Staten Island) and Fort Hamilton (Brooklyn), located on high ground overlooking The Narrows, historically protected NY Harbor from naval attack. The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, the world's longest suspension bridge when completed in 1964, spans The Narrows carrying traffic between Brooklyn and Staten Island. Its opening sparked the rapid growth of St's population.


Etc., etc., etc. for additional information to fill at least a half-page of description and analysis.


Sources: United States Geological Survey ([www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)); Yahoo Images ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)); Schubert, C. *The Geology of New York City and Environs*, New York: Natural History Press, 1968.

## ASSEMBLY

**Include the following:**

- **Cover page.**
- **Table of contents** with the name and location of the landscape features (tagged 1-20) and the page number where the landscape feature description is found.
- **Map of North America** showing the location of each feature listed in the table of contents by using the corresponding tag number (1-20).

FORMAT		
<b>COVER PAGE</b>  <i>A Sample of Landscapes found in the US and Canada</i>  Your Name  GEOG 251 Geography of the US and Canada  Date	<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b> 1. Landscape Aa, p.2 2. Landscape Bb, p. 3 3. Landscape Cc, p. 5 4..... 5..... 6..... 7..... 8..... 9..... 1..... 1..... 1..... 20. Landscape Tt, p. 26	<b>MAP of NORTH AMERICA</b> <small>(see p. 5 of this exercise)</small>   Locate <u>all</u> your landscapes on this map using numbers 1-20 for the required locations.

FORMAT	
You must locate each of your 20 landscape choices on this map and list them in the section below the map. (See p. 5 of the handout.)	<b>LANDSCAPE FEATURES PORTFOLIO LOCATOR MAP</b> 

Geography of the US and Canada Extra Credit Option "Geography in the News"
Can add up to 10% to your final term average based on the number of areas covered and quality of description provided.
Due by May 21, 2013
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Extra Credit Option
<b>Collect recent articles</b> (June 2012 – May 2013) from various sources, as newspapers, magazines, professional journals, and Internet news media, that discuss one or more of the 50 US states and 13 Canadian provinces/territories.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ An article may make reference to more than one US state and/or Canadian province/territory or may discuss a geographic region within the US and Canada that include these units.</li> <li>✓ Each article may be used to highlight a maximum of three (3) states/provinces/territories – only one write-up is needed to cover the 2 or 3 mentioned.</li> </ul>

Extra Credit Option
<b>STEPS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Find pertinent articles</b> published between June 2012 and May 2013.</li> <li>• <b>Ask yourself the question: "Where's the Geography?"</b> Consult the <i>Five Fundamental Themes of Geography</i> diagram if you are not sure.</li> <li>• <b>Provide a copy of the article.</b> Photocopy the hardcopy source or print it/copy it from its web site. (In both cases use the smallest <u>readable</u> print size to save paper).</li> <li>• <b>Number tag and cite each article.</b></li> </ul>

Extra Credit Option
<b>STEPS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Create an annotated bibliography</b> by briefly summarizing the article and describing the geography found within it.</li> <li>• <b>Locate the article on the blank map</b> by using its tag number.</li> <li>• <b>Assemble the packet according to the instruction sheet.</b></li> <li>• <b>Submit no later than May 21, 2013.</b></li> </ul>
