

Hunter College of the City University of New York
Department of Geography
Geography of New York State Course
EXTRA CREDIT WRITTEN PRESENTATION

Proposal due no later than Nov. 1, 2012

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Finished presentation due no later than Dec. 6, 2012

WRITTEN PRESENTATION (Extra Credit Option). The presentation must be concise, focused on the approved topic, and show the geography behind the theme by incorporating at least one of the five fundamental themes of geography or by incorporating one or more of the national geography standards. See the list of suggested topics on the course web page. Consult the Reading and Writing Center for citation and bibliographic formats (<http://rwc.hunter.cuny.edu>).

OPTION I: TERM PAPER

1. Select **two topics of interest** to you relating to some aspect of the geography of New York State. Include a statement of intent and an outline of major topics **for each**. I will select one.
2. The final product will be a **4-5 page narrative** with appropriate footnotes or endnotes. It will have an introduction (statement of purpose on page 1) and a conclusion (summary of material presented on page 5) **plus** a bibliography (page 6) **plus** supportive maps and/or illustrations on separate pages. If the maps/illustrations are embedded into the narrative, the narrative must be the equivalent of 4-5 pages in length. **EVERY GEOGRAPHY PAPER MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE MAP!**

OPTION II: GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION

1. Select **two topics of interest** to you relating to the geography of New York State. They may be of the same format or two different formats. Include a statement of intent and a brief outline **for each**. I will select one.
2. Construct a grade-specific, detailed description in proper lesson plan format **OR** a detailed, grade-specific scripted classroom project. Include documentation and explanation why this subject is important to students in this grade.
3. The lesson plan/project must incorporate one or more **national geography standards** and focus on presenting a NYS-related theme to students in a specific grade.
4. Include copies of handouts, assignments (with answers), and any maps that will be used by the students. All geography lessons should include map reading.
5. Your bibliography is your source material (books and internet sites).

NOTE: Why? How? If? What else? A lesson plan, classroom project or poster presentation requires a descriptive write up that introduces the topic and the reasoning behind presenting it. The lesson plan and project both require detailed instructions how to do it, an answer key (if questions are posed), a list of expected outcomes based on the national geography standard(s) used, and a method of assessment. The bibliography focuses on both the topical material and the methodology used to present the topic.

NOTE TO ALL: Plagiarism is grounds for failure and disciplinary action by the college. The Internet is a resource, not a source of verbatim information.

Primary Indexes, Abstracts, and Full Text Databases

- [GEOBASE](#)
Indexes and abstracts the international literature on cultural and physical geography, geology, ecology, natural resources, international development, land use planning, and related fields. Excellent resource for international development related topics. Indexes journal articles, books, and conference proceedings. Coverage: 1980 - present.
- [GeoRef](#)
Indexes journal articles, books, maps and reports to literature in geology covering North America since 1785 and other areas since 1933.
- [Google Scholar](#)
Very useful portal for locating academic articles, government reports and other references. Links to all databases accessible to Hunter College Libraries.
- [Greenfile](#)
Bibliographic database about environmental concerns from scholarly and general interest publications and government documents.
- [GREENR](#)
Portal that offers authoritative content on the development of emerging green technologies and discusses issues on the environment, sustainability and more
- [LexisNexis Academic](#)
Links to newspaper, magazine and journal articles. Good for searching regional press.

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