

**HUNTER COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY  
POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA  
EXAM 1 STUDY GUIDE for Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**Review:**

- Class notes
- Handouts including PowerPoint lectures
- Location of the major regions of the US & Canada
- Location of the major climate zones of the US & Canada
- Names and locations of physical features listed below
- Definition of terms listed below.

**Readings:**

Review the chapters/sections that are listed on the syllabus and noted on the PowerPoint slides.

**Exam Format:**

- There will be a combination of
- **multiple choice questions** some aimed at maps or diagrams;
  - **several short topical essays** where you will illustrate your understanding of concepts, physical processes and basic human geography.

**Be able to discuss:** glacial dynamics, Native American interaction with their environment and their legacy, creation of North America's physical appearance, landscape development and change, regions of North America, impact of immigration on the cultural landscape, human imprint, ecological succession, European claims to North America.

**PHYSIOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE US & CANADA for EXAM I**

Appalachian High-lands	Great Plains	Interior Lowlands	Piedmont
Arctic Coastal Plain	Gulf Coastal Plain	Intermontane Basins and Plateaus	Rocky Mountains
Atlantic Coastal Plain	Hawaiian Islands	Pacific Mountains and Valleys	
Canadian Shield	Interior Highlands (Ozarks)		

**LANDFORM and RIVER FEATURES OF THE US & CANADA for EXAM I**

Aleutian Islands	Coastal Mountains	Vancouver Island	Ohio River
Appalachian Mts.	Great Basin	Colorado River	Rio Grande
Arctic Archipelago	Great Lakes system	Columbia River	Saskatchewan R.
Brooks Range	Great Plains	Mackenzie River	St. Lawrence River
Cascade Range	Laurentian Highlands	Mississippi River	Yukon River
Coast Range	Sierra Nevada	Missouri River	

**OCEAN FEATURES OF THE US & CANADA for EXAM I**

Arctic Ocean	Bering Strait	Gulf of St. Lawrence
Atlantic Ocean	Davis Strait	Hudson Bay
Baffin Bay	Gulf of Alaska	Labrador Sea
Bering Sea	Gulf of Mexico	Pacific Ocean

## DEFINITIONS and TERMINOLOGY for EXAM I:

Remember to review the Glacial Dynamics/Glacial Terminology handout.

acculturation
air mass
alpine glacier
aquifer
Arctic Circle
arête
bedrock
Beringia
biome
Canadian Shield
cirque
climate
climax vegetation
coniferous forest
continental divide
continental drift
continental ice sheet
convictional precipitation
cultural landscape
cyclonic (frontal) precipitation
deciduous forest
diaspora
drainage basin
drought
drumlin
ecological succession
environmental impact
erratic
fault zone
faulting
fauna
First Nations
fjord
flood plain
flood zone
flora
folding

Five Fundamental Themes
glacial dynamics
glaciation
glacier
global cooling
global warming
grassland
groundwater
growing season
hanging valley
hearth
historical ecology
human impact
hydrogeology
hydrologic cycle
hydrology
Ice Age
ice front
ice lobe
immigrant
Indian Reservation
Indian Reserve
interglacial period
kettle
land bridge
landscape
loam soil
long lot
Manifest Destiny
melt water
metes and bounds
microclimate
moraine
Native American
natural hazard
natural landscape

orographic precipitation
outwash
outwash plain
paleogeography
perception
permafrost
physiographic province/region
plate tectonics
rain shadow
recessional moraine
region
scrubland
site
situation
soil
soil horizon
surface water
terminal moraine
topography
township and range
tree line
Tropic of Cancer
tundra
urban function
urban landscape development
U-shaped valley
V-shaped valley
vertical zonation of climate
visual space
volcanism
water table
watershed
watershed divide
weather
Wisconsin Stage