

**Hunter College of the City University of New York
POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA**

REQUIRED LANDSCAPE ROAD TRIP

DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 12, 2017

Write an analytical travelogue highlighting the physical and cultural landscapes found along a **1,850 mile drive across several regions** of the US and Canada. Select one segment from the list below. Each segment ranges from about 1500 to 2200 miles in length. You decide the route the road trip will take between the terminal cities.

Start off by defining visual landscape, relating aspects of it to natural processes and human interaction with the physical environment (human imprint). Tell why you selected the segment from the list. Describe the physical geography (landforms and climate) along the route as well as its human geography (population, economic activity/land use, historical background and cultural uniqueness, along with things to see and do). What is associated with areas along the selected route? What makes these areas unique? How are these areas recognized? Point out associations. Short relevant detours from the direct route are encouraged.

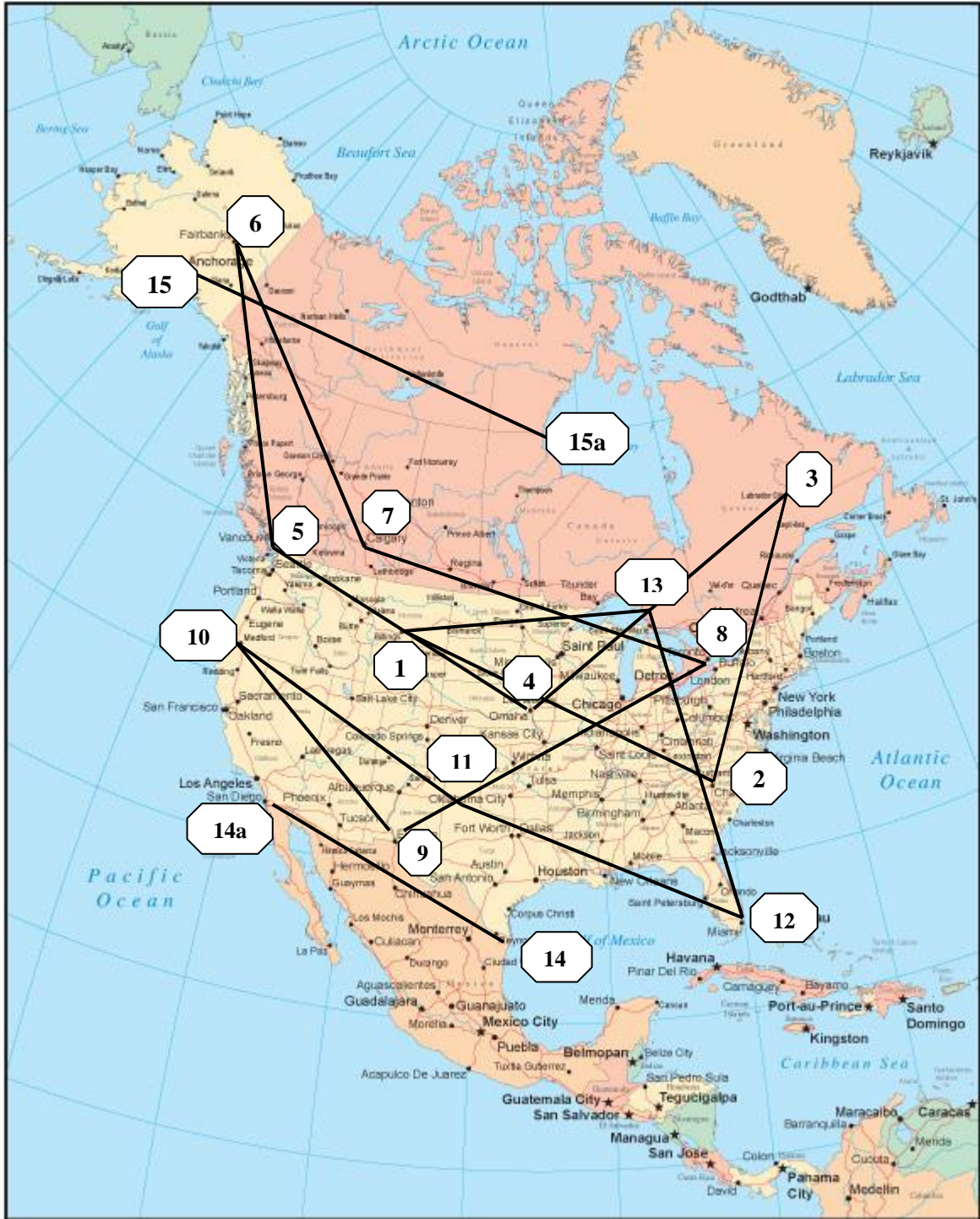
This assignment should have at least a 7-page narrative describing the area travelled and explaining the sights along the way. Footnote/endnote facts. On separate pages include a **bibliography, other appropriate maps, and illustrations** of what one sees while traveling the route.

A **minimum of two maps** must be included in the paper, one showing the location of the area within the US and/or Canada between the terminal cities (North America thumbnail) and the other a detailed map of the route being discussed with all stops/points of reference marked on it. Additional detailed maps of specific locations along the route can only add to the grade.

Remember that this is a landscape analysis road trip. Be sure to illustrate with visual images all physical and cultural features discussed in your travelogue.

Select any one segment from the list below. See **map** for the location of the terminal cities. You decide the route between the terminal cities.

1. Billings, MT to Charlotte, NC
2. Charlotte, NC to Labrador City, NL
3. Labrador City, NL to Omaha, NE
4. Omaha, NE to Vancouver, BC
5. Vancouver, BC to Fairbanks, AK
6. Fairbanks, AK to Calgary, AB
7. Calgary, AB to Toronto, ON
8. Toronto, ON to El Paso, TX
9. El Paso, TX to Medford, OR
10. Medford, OR to Amarillo, TX
11. Amarillo, TX to Miami, FL
12. Miami, FL to North Bay, ON
13. North Bay, ON to Billings, MT
14. Brownsville, TX to San Diego, CA (hug the southern border)
15. Anchorage, AK to Churchill, MB (air route with stops)



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