

HUNTER COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA
EXAM III STUDY GUIDE

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

Exam starts at 9 AM – ends at 11 AM

Note different time from regular class meetings

Review:

Regions covered:

The South, Great Plains and Prairies, Empty Interior, Desert Southwest, North Pacific Coast, Hawaii

Class notes

PowerPoint lectures including introductory material from the beginning of the semester.

Location of the major physiographic regions of North America

Location of the major climate zones of North America

Names and locations of physical features listed below

Definition of terms listed below.

Names of the states and provinces in discussed in class.

Readings:

Review in the American Landscape textbook APPROPRIATE SECTIONS of Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, and 20.

Review appropriate maps in the Historical Atlas.

Exam Format:

Similar to Exams 1 and 2, 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 the concepts of regions, landscapes, physical processes and/or basic human geography.

Be able to discuss:

- landscape development in each of the regions covered;
- the relationship of terrain to cultural development;
- historical circumstances on landscape including colonial and economic influences;
- the role of the transcontinental railroad in the settling of the West;
- major physical processes and their influence on landscape and land use;
- the importance and use of water;
- the role of people's perception of an area and the resultant land use.

AND presented with a region:

- discuss the "story behind the scenery" of a landscape unit
- discuss reasons behind a landscape's visual uniqueness (recognition)

OVER FOR LIST OF TERMS AND PLACE NAMES >>

PHYSICAL FEATURES OF NORTH AMERICA for EXAM III

Alaska Panhandle	Fraser River	Southern Rockies
Alaska Range	Golden Gate	Olympic Peninsula
Aleutian Islands	Gila River	Outer Banks
Atlantic Coastal Plain	Great Salt Lake	Piedmont
Brooks Range	Gulf Coastal Plain	Puget Lowlands
Canadian Rockies	Gulf of Alaska	Puget Sound
Cape Hatteras	Gulf of California	Rio Grande
Cascade Mts.	Gulf of Mexico	Rocky Mts
Central Valley of California	Hawaiian Islands	Salton Basin
Chesapeake Bay	Inside Passage	San Diego Bay
Colorado Plateau	Juan de Fuca Strait	San Francisco Bay
Colorado River	Klamath Mts	Sierra Nevada
Columbia Plateau	Los Angeles Basin	Snake River
Columbia River	Missouri River	St. Elias Mts
Everglades	Mojave Desert	Vancouver Island
Florida Keys	Northern Rockies	Willamette Valley
Florida Strait	Middle Rockies	Yukon River

DEFINITIONS and TERMINOLOGY for EXAM III that were mentioned in class or in the textbook:

Adobe	Ghost town	Plantation
Alta California	Gullah	Polynesia
Annexation	Hacienda	Prairie
Aquifer	High Plains	Prairie Provinces
Badlands	Hot spot	Presidio
Basin and range topography	Hurricane	Pueblo
Braided river	Lagoon	Rain shadow
Bur. of Land Managem't (BLM)	Lahar	Rancho
Cajuns	Landslide	Range Wars
Caldera	Lava flow	Ring of Fire
California Gold Rush	Levee	Riparian Rights
Cattle drive	Meander	Salt flats
Central Arizona Project	Meander scar	San Andreas Fault
Chaco Culture	Mexican Cession	Santa Ana wind
Chinook wind	Mormon Trail	Santa Fe Trail
Clear cutting	Mud flow	Shield volcano
Continental Divide	Navaho Nation	Sod house
Creole	Ogallala Aquifer	Spanish Mission
Deep South	Old South	Tepee
Doctrine of Prior Appropriation	Old Town	Temperate rain forest
Drought	Oregon Country	Temperature inversion
Dust Bowl	Oregon Trail	Texas Rebellion
Earthquake	Oregon Treaty of 1846	Tornado Alley
Fall Line	Orographic precipitation	Totem pole
Fish ladder	Oxbow lake	Transcontinental railroad
Fjord	Pivot irrigation	Vertical zonation of climate
Gadsden Purchase	Plains	Wagon trail

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