GEOG 101: People and Their Environment
Assignment on Neighborhood and Region

The purpose of this required exercise (due Monday, February 27th) is to test your knowledge of the concept of region. Before you start, review the meaning of “region” and consult pages 470-487 of your textbook.

Your assignment consists of two parts.

PART I. Write a 2+ page grammatically correct essay (double-spaced, 12-point type) on what makes the neighborhood in which you live a region.

- **The first paragraph should include the following sentence:** I live near the intersection of ____________ and ____________ (street names) in the area of ____________ (your borough or county) known as ____________ (name of your neighborhood).

- Demonstrate that your neighborhood is a distinctive region. To do this, define “region” and **describe the characteristics of your neighborhood**, which may include social, cultural, physical, and economic factors, **that distinguish it from surrounding areas**. (It may be helpful to think about how you would describe your neighborhood to an out-of-town visitor.)

- **Describe the boundaries of your neighborhood’s region.** (How do you know when you have entered it or left it?)

- On separate pages provide a photocopy of a **locator map** showing where in the New York metropolitan area your neighborhood is located. Also include a **detailed map** showing the major streets of your neighborhood (circle the block on which you live), plus the border of your neighborhood’s region.

PART II. Using the thematic maps found throughout your textbook, **identify and briefly describe the extent of two large physical geographic regions, and two large human geographic regions that include your neighborhood**. These latter regions may be national or global in scale. The purpose of this section is to emphasize that a particular location may be in different regions simultaneously; that regions occur in different scales; and that regions may overlap. Part II should **begin with the following sentence:** “My neighborhood is a fairly small region. It is located within much larger regions defined on the basis of physical or human characteristics. Two examples of each include:”

- (brief identification and description of a physical geographic region)
- (brief identification and description of a physical geographic region)
- (brief identification and description of a human geographic region)
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Though it is not mandatory, inclusion of photocopies of relevant atlas maps may prove useful.