

Cultural Landscape Assignment: A Pictorial Essay

Humans have been modifying the Earth's natural landscape for centuries. These modifications may be as simple as cutting a few trees or smoothing a hill, or as complex as constructing the largest airport in the world in Hong Kong harbour. Everything that humans build upon the Earth can be considered as part of the Cultural or Human Built Landscape.

This assignment gives you a chance to examine one particular aspect of cultural landscape. Please submit a powerpoint or a word document that has at least **10 separate images(slides)** related to the aspect of the cultural landscape that you have selected. There should be a minimal amount of text included with the image, just enough to identify the significance of what you are trying to illustrate with a particular image. **Your images of how humans have altered the landscape should tell a story. (provide evidence of what has happened in the area or areas)**

Example:

Landscape of Death (in a Christian Society, in a Hindu Society, etc.)

All your slides may be of graveyards and headstones, or you might include churches and or funeral homes. If you are primarily examining graveyards and headstones, you might show the following types of things:

- 2 or 3 different graveyards from 1 community (1 Catholic, 1 Protestant, &
- 1 non-denominational)
- older headstones are sandstone and limestone, while newer ones are granite and gabbro
- size and style of headstones (do they indicate wealth ?)
- different sections of the graveyard (Greek, Italians, veterans, natives, etc.)
- location of the graveyards within a town (what are they near ?)

Other Examples:

(In each case, the images are evidence of what ?)

Landscape of Fear, Landscape of Desire, Landscape of De-industrialization, Landscape of Mass Consumption, Landscape of Changing Communication Technology, Landscape of Changing Transportation, Landscape of Residential Architecture, Landscape of Wealth, Landscape of Poverty, Landscape of Crime, Landscape of Religion, Landscape of Politics, and Landscape of Secularism

Note: Even if more than 1 person does the same topic, there may be very different types of images. For example: For the topic of Landscape of Desire, 1 person might show famous vacation spots throughout the world, someone else might highlight nice dress shops and shoe stores, while another person might emphasize professional sport stadiums that they would love to visit. There are not really right and wrong answers to this, but be certain to show features that are human made or altered, and that you would see as you walk or drive down through an area. A naturally occurring river is not really appropriate, but a dam on a river, or a series of dikes along side a river, would be appropriate.

Remember to emphasize landscape features. For example, if you did the Landscape of Communication, a cell phone tower or a telephone booth would be appropriate images, but an image of a cell phone would not. If you did the Landscape of Automobiles, images of a car dealership, a car factory, or a highway would all be appropriate, but an image of just a car, would not.

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In selecting your topic don't necessarily try to think of geography, instead, think of something you are interested in, and then turn the topic into geography by illustrating its influence on the landscape. Have fun with this.

* If you copy images from the internet, please include the URL of the webpage onto one final slide in your powerpoint or under each image (very small font).