AP Human Geography

Windshield Geographer Field Observation (5 points)

"The cultural landscape, the earth's surface as modified by human action, is the tangible physical record of a given culture. House types, transportation networks, parks and cemeteries, and the size and distribution of settlements are among the indicators of the use that humans have made of the land" (Fellmann).

Directions: Geography is all around us. To become a geographer you need only to make observations of the spatial areas around you. Once you have done this, you have become a geographer. The landscape reveals many clues to the culture and history of a place. How cultures have changed over time and the spatial impacts on the land can be observed through the lens of a geographer. For this assignment, you will be rewarded for actively seeking examples of the cultural landscape in your travels and experiences this summer. Don't worry, you don't have to venture far from home to take advantage of this opportunity. You will need to drive to the following locations and take a picture of yourself outside of the given location (make it good, your picture is going on the Cultural Landscape Hall of Fame ☺). Please be mindful that some of these places may be businesses or places of worship. Appropriate behavior and respect of these locations is an expectation. You may go to as many locations as your heart desires, but you will receive extra credit for only one field study. It is our goal to show how geography is all around us, even when you look out the windshield. To receive credit you must submit your picture with your name, name of location, date visited and a brief description of the location and what you found interesting about the cultural landscape. (1 paragraph) If you go to a restaurant try some food. Just ask for suggestions when ordering.

The following are a list of suggested sites and locations:

• Attend a County Fair- take a picture with a cow, pig, sheep or other large animal (January) • High floor in a skyscraper • Mosque • Buddhist temple • Jewish synagogue- • Greek Orthodox Church – • Cathedral or other large Catholic church • Protestant church (Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist etc) • Hindu temple • Vietnamese Restaurant • Korean Restaurant • Indian restaurant • Middle-eastern restaurant (Lebanese, Ethiopian...) • South Street in Philly • The Italian Markets in Philly • A neighborhood in any major city (US or World) • A country club • Capital Building (State or National) • A professional sports stadium	• Greek Restaurant • A large recreational space • Art Museum, or any museum for that matter • An Historical Site • Library • University or college • Farm- chicken, wheat or other crops • Botanical gardens • If you can add a cultural landscape that is not listed do it and explain why you think it is culturally relevant.