

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
GEOGRAPHY 1100G CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY (Dr. Smith)

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE #1 (15 points)
REVIEW OF SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLE

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE #2 (15 points)
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The purpose of Challenges #1 and #2 is to carefully examine the construction of a professional journal article about CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY. The idea is to study the components and style of a scholarly article as a model for good organization and writing skills. The assignment is to read, think about and critically describe the construction of a research article that is contained in one of these journals:

Journal of Cultural Geography
Geographical Review
Professional Geographer
Annals of the Association of American Geographers

Select one of the research articles that is of interest to you. Please be sure to select a research article (10 or more pages in length), and not one of the commentaries, field work summaries, forums, editorials or book reviews, that are not appropriate for this assignment. The journals are located in the Periodicals section of Booth Library.

You are to type a three page paper (double-spaced) that answers the following questions. If one of the questions is not appropriate for your particular article, explain why. Respond to the questions in the same order they are asked using complete sentences. You may number your answers or simply use separate paragraphs for each question.

Remember to put your name at the top of each page and staple your paper.
You are to answer the following questions using complete sentences:

1. At the beginning of the first page of your review, you are to type the citation as follows: author, year published, title of article in quotes, name of journal underlined or bold, Volume number, Issue number (if there is one), and page numbers of article.
2. What is the research question? (What is the author trying to find out?)
3. Does the article discuss a particular country or region or group of people? (Which ones?)
4. How do humans interact with the environment in this article? (Is the location rural or urban?)
5. Can you identify examples of diffusion? (What kind?)
6. How many and what type of maps are included? (Why are they included?)
7. How many and what type of tables, graphs and diagrams are used? (Why are they included?)
8. Does the author use statistical data? (What is the source of the data?)
9. Are personal interviews or mailed surveys used? (If so, how many were done?)
10. How many references are cited? (How many are journals, periodicals, books or other?)
11. What conclusions are drawn by the author?

Be prepared to discuss for about 3-5 minutes in class what you found out by reading this article. What was interesting in this article? We will have brief presentations in class.