

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
GEOGRAPHY PROGRAM
GEOGRAPHY 202
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TERM PAPER

1. OUTLINE (due February 8th) - worth 5%

From the list of essay topics, select one topic and prepare an essay outline. It **MUST** be typed and it must be handed in no later than the date noted above. It **MUST** consist of the following:

- a. Title page (as it would appear on the final essay)
- b. A Table of Contents (as it would appear in the final essay)
- c. A one-page introduction to the topic
- d. A bibliography (as it would appear in the final essay)

As the outline is worth 5% of your final grade, you should research your chosen topic with care; it will form the basis of your major term paper. You are expected to consult periodicals and, where relevant, government documents as well as books in order to prepare your topic. You should use the services of Interlibrary Loan.

You are expected to consult with me for needed advice.

2. PAPER (due April 5th) - worth 20%

2.1 Format

1. The essay **MUST** be typed and should be no more than 10 pages in length. (exclusive of maps, diagrams, appendices etc.)
2. It **MUST** include relevant maps, diagrams, data in tabular form, graphs, etc.
3. It **MUST** include the following:
 - Title page
 - Table of Contents
 - Introduction
 - Brief literature review
 - Method(s) used
 - Presentation and analysis of data
 - Conclusion/summary
 - Bibliography
 - Appendix (if any).

4. It **MUST** be written in acceptable English and **MUST** should follow accepted academic convention with regard to footnotes, bibliography, etc.
5. It **MUST** be handed in on time. Marks will be deducted for lateness.

2.2 Essay Topics (choose one)

1. The major locational characteristics of fast food chains or gas stations.
2. The likely impacts on Prince George's economy of the extension of the CNR line to Whitehorse (pay particular attention to impacts on the transportation sector).
3. The "journey to shop" and retail location in Prince George.
4. A spatial analysis of light industry in Prince George.
5. The particular locational problems and spatial distribution of agriculture in northern B.C.
6. The C.B.D. vs. suburban shopping malls: pros and cons.
7. An analysis of Prince George's C.B.D.
8. The contribution of transportation to Prince George's economy.
9. Locational factors affecting tourism in the Prince George region.
10. The major locational characteristics of "big box" retailers such as Costco, the Real Canadian Superstore, Wal-Mart etc.
11. A discussion of the merits and problems of "Instant Towns" (e.g. Tumbler Ridge, Mackenzie) with particular emphasis on the central interior of B.C.
12. The locational advantages and disadvantages of establishing a steel mill in Prince George.
13. The relative merits of the various statistical measures of economic development (with particular reference to less developed countries).
14. A spatial analysis of the location of public safety facilities (police stations, fire halls etc.) in Prince George.
15. Any other topic that you can persuade me to accept

NOTE: Modifications to these topics must be cleared with the Instructor.