

Assignment #2: Term Paper

WEIGHT: 35%

DUE: **March 24th, 2016**

DESCRIPTION: Students will use Assignment #1 to write a term paper between 6-7 pages in length. In this paper you will draw from the theories and case studies presented in the lectures and readings to examine how change in Canada affects everyday life in a particular region (6 regions in the textbook). Your examination should include a discussion of change in any of the following terms: social, cultural, economic, political, physical environment. You may one or more case studies to support your argument, but must draw the connection between those cases/places and the region as a whole.

Students will develop an argument in the paper and are required to fully reference sources. The issue you explore may be contemporary or historical. In either case, you are required to show how it affects the region today.

In your discussion you should engage key concepts from the course. For example, you may use the concepts of “region”, “sense of place”, “faultline”, or any other concepts from the textbook or lectures to analyze and contextualize your work.

You may use the ideas from your Assignment#1 as a starting point for this term paper, but you are not permitted to copy and paste content. The intention of the term paper is different from the assignment and the assignment is best used to inform your topic and argument.

Assignments should contain the following elements:

- **Your name, student number and TA Group #**
- Assignment # and a clear title that captures the imagination
- Use 12 point font and double-spaced
- Page numbers
- Limited use of sub-headings to organize content
- Complete bibliography with a minimum of 8 sources (not included in the page count)
- Introduction that contains the argument for your paper and a brief discussion of the context of the topic
- Conclusion that summarizes your argument and the key points you made in the paper
- Supporting sections that discuss an example of change and its impacts on one of the regions of Canada

Marking Scheme:

Introduction: /10

Thesis Statement/Argument: /5

Analysis of the change and its impacts: /35

Links to the course concepts: /15

Conclusion: /10

Quality and Clarity of Writing: /10

Formatting: /5

Referencing: /10

/100 marks total

Examples of potential topics:

- The impact of the automobile industry crash on employment and health in Southern Ontario
- Effects of climate change on traditional ways of life in Nunavut
- Rebound of the fishing stock in Atlantic Canada and its potential impact on cultural and economic life
- Growth of large-scale fly-in resource extraction operations and impact on the economic and social life of local aboriginal communities