**Your Personal Landscapes**

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Chapter 1 of the book describes physical and cultural landscapes. Please take a moment to consider the landscapes you identify with in the following questions. Please note that you do not need to include any personal feelings that go beyond what you are comfortable sharing with the professor or TAs:

1. Think of a natural place you think of as important to you and describe it here. This could be a park you have visited, your back yard, or a favorite patch of woods or meadow.

During the summer I worked at a school for special needs students as a teachers assistant, it was a “nature-based” program so on the campus there was a lake and hiking trail for activities.

1. Briefly describe the personal importance of this place. Is it a place for reflection, relaxation, awe, blowing off steam, getting exercise, etc.?

Aside from being the spot where they gave me money to be. The children there were often very inspiring to be around.

1. Now consider a cultural space that is important to you. Please describe this space and its function in society. This could be a performing arts space, your place of work, an important monument or memorial, or even your kitchen where family gathers.

Continuing with the special needs school, the cultural space provides a very important function to society by taking up the challenge of educating and working with these special needs students, often from public schools who couldn’t be their needs.

1. Briefly describe the personal importance of this cultural space. Is it a place for reflection, relaxation, awe, blowing off steam, getting exercise, education, etc.?

The primary purpose of the location as previously stated is education.

1. Think about your own cultural background and describe how these two locations illustrate your personal sense of place and what is important to you and where you come from.

I learned a lot of lessons during my time working at that school. Overall having a job and relationships that positively effect everyone involved, along with actively and positively contributing to the world is what I believe is important.