

Cultural Landscapes and Perceptions

Answer all of these questions and be prepared to discuss them in a Socratic Seminar

1. What are the three most important descriptors of California? Rank 1-3
2. List and rank three cities or places that best represent the state of California.
3. List and rank three symbols (icons) of California.
4. What are the three most important descriptors of New York? Rank 1-3
5. List and rank three cities or places that best represent the state of New York.
6. List and rank three symbols (icons) of New York. Rank 1-3
7. What perceptions do you think people from New York have about California? Explain why you think they have these perceptions of California.
8. Are these perceptions (from #7) accurate? How are they different than your perceptions of California?

9. How are Americans perceived by people in other countries? Think of specific examples you are aware of from discussions or contact with people from other countries.

10. Why do people have these perceptions? Are there traits and icons (symbols) in our culture that propagate these perceptions? List and explain

11. What creates and changes people's perceptions of places?

Reflection: Are your perceptions of other places / cultures / people accurate? Discuss your ideas in two good paragraphs.