

Minimum 800 words (please do not exceed 1000 words)

Throughout the term, we have discussed various concepts in human geography that explore the relationship between identity, power, and place. For your final paper, you will reflect on these themes and choose one of the essay topics below to respond to. In academic essays, a case study is a specific example through which you explore and analyze a particular concept. The purpose of this paper is to expand your knowledge and application of course concepts in relation to a case study. In this paper, you will develop a clear and concise thesis statement, which will be supported by key arguments. While the use of course materials (lectures, readings) will be helpful starting points for your essay, it will be necessary to conduct research and reference additional sources to ensure a thorough analysis of your topic and case study. Note: You may not use any of the sites you explored in your walking tour assignment. This applies to all options.

Option #1 T

Third places are important for community building and social interaction. Choose an example of a third place (i.e., your case study). Describe whether you think this example achieves the objectives of a third place. How does your example demonstrate the characteristics of a third place and promote principles of connection and belonging? How do issues of identity, difference, power, or exclusion factor in?

Option #2

Counter-monuments seek to uncover hidden or marginalized memory cultures and offer alternative understandings of the past and present. Choose an example of a countermonument (i.e., your case study). Describe how this example fits the criteria of a countermonument. How does your example challenge official memory narratives? What is the significance of its location in the context of the area's history? How does it help us understand an underacknowledged part of history in this particular place?

Option #3

Places are socially and ideologically constructed. This is probably most evident in cities where identity-specific neighbourhoods (e.g., migrant, racial, ethnic, class, etc.) have been shaped through processes of exclusion and marginalization. At the same time, these are places where communities can develop a sense of belonging. Choose an example of an identity-specific neighbourhood in a city (i.e., your case study). Describe how this neighbourhood's history and/or present-day context demonstrates processes of exclusion and marginalization. What does this neighbourhood tell us about the history of the city? How has the community resisted or responded to this marginalization?

Format

On the first page, include your full name, student ID number, word count, and an original title. Do not include a cover page. 12-point font, double-spaced. Your paper should follow the format of a formal essay. Your paper should include an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Your introduction should include a clear and concise thesis statement. Each of your body paragraphs should include a key argument that supports your thesis statement. Since this is a relatively short paper, three body paragraphs should suffice.

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