Cultural Landscape Notes
Culture as related to Geography

- Examines culture of particular groups
  - Cultural Politics
  - How culture is practiced
  - How culture is captured materially and symbolically
    - Artifacts
    - Landscapes
Main Factors of Culture

- Education
- Government
- Agriculture
- Economy
- Sport
- Grooming
- Values
- Work ethic
- Etiquette
- Courtship
- Recreation
- Gestures

- Religion
- Language
- Architecture
- Cuisine
- Technology
- Music
- Dance
- Sports
- Medicine
- Dress
- Gender roles
- Law
The Cultural Landscape

• The visible, material landscape that cultural groups create as they inhabit the earth.
  – Mankind’s mark on the landscape left behind through the process of construction, agriculture, landscaping and conservation
Importance of the Cultural Landscape

- Cultural landscapes are the accumulation of artifacts that help present information about the people(s) that have lived there
  - Evidence about the spread and development of cultures
  - Alterations to the landscapes that reflect their identity
Material vs. Non-Material Culture

**Material Culture**
- clothing
- buildings
- farming patterns
- technology

**Non-Material Culture**
- Language
- Religion
- Political organization
- Customs or traditions
Reading a Cultural Landscape

- By looking at a culture’s environment it is possible to see what the culture values, divisions of society, connections to other cultures, etc...
Examples of Cultural Landscape Around the World

- You **DO NOT** need to write the next remainder of slides
1. This is the Bavarian town of Nördlingen, which was built in a 14-million-year-old meteor impact crater.
2. The end of the Great Wall of China.
3. The place where old tires go to die.
In case you need reminding that Cairo is a very old city...
5. ... it has built up a lot since the pyramids.
6. A 360-degree rainbow as seen from an airplane.
7. It's all very Presidential.
8. This is what Mercury looks like.
10. An inside view of one of Google's data centers.
There was a time when conquering Mount Everest was considered a great feat. These days you have to stand in line.
13. We’re used to seeing them individually, but would you recognize the strange and ancient Easter Island sculptures as they stand, clustered together?
14. Somewhere beyond the crowds is the Mona Lisa.
15. The two sides of New York City.
16. Thousands of high-rises make for a stunning aerial view of downtown Toronto, Canada.
17. Dutch tulip fields are simply stunning.
Often photographed up close in all its glory, the Taj Mahal is almost barely recognizable here.
19. The Packard Automotive Plant in Detroit now lies abandoned.
20. Even from space, the Hollywood sign still makes its mark.
21. You probably wouldn't guess it, but this is Burning Man Festival.
The beautiful buildings in Fira almost look out of place on the cliff.
23. Do you see the Parthenon in the distance?
24. They couldn't have chosen a better place than New Zealand to be Hobbiton.
25. Boston faced a blizzard so powerful that it shut down the city for a day in 2013.