



My Place in the World

Essential Question

What role does geography play in defining who we are?

Overview

If a visitor from another country were to ask you who you are, would you tell them you were an American, or perhaps a Washingtonian, Seattleite, Wedgwoodite, or something completely different? For this assignment, you will be thinking about how geography helps define who we are.

Your Task

Create a poster that includes a map and a photograph or drawing that illustrates you or your family's connection to some place in the world. Include a paragraph that explains why the place is important to you and your family.

Start Thinking

Answer at least four of the following questions;

1. How did your family end up living in Seattle?
2. Have you spent a significant part of your life in another part of the state, country, or world?
3. Is there some other place you visit on a regular basis (such as a different city, state, or country)?
4. List at least two places where important events in your life have happened.
5. For what reason(s) have you or your family moved from one place to another?

Selecting a Place

1. Write the name of the place you chose to focus on: _____
2. Write a list of adjectives that describe the place.

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Project Requirements

Title and Name (5 Points)

1. Include an **original** title that **emphasizes** some aspect of your project.
2. Write your **name**, date, and period somewhere on the front of your poster.

Map (5 Points)

1. Include a small student-made map that indicates the **actual location** of the place you chose.
2. The map should show your location **relative** to a well-known location or landmark.
3. Choose an **appropriate scale**. For example, don't draw the entire planet to show where Eckstein is located.

Drawing or Photograph (5 Points)

1. Include **one image** that represents the place.
2. You may use either a photograph or drawing you created.

Paragraph (10 Points)

1. Write a paragraph that **explains** why that place is important to you and your family.
2. Be sure to include the following **information** in your paragraph:
 - a. State clearly where the place is located.
 - b. Explain why the place is special or important to you.
 - c. Tell how often you visit the place, or when was the last time you were there.
 - d. **Challenge** – tell a short story about one of your visits to the place.

Quality of Work (5 Points)

1. Work fills a sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, without large areas of blank paper.
2. Work is **neatly done** and reflects a **strong effort**.
3. Writing is typed or **neatly** hand written in ink.
4. The title, map, image, and writing are positioned **neatly** on the page.
5. **Color** is thoughtfully and effectively used.

Total Points: _____ / 30



Sample layout including all requirements