

ERTH142 / GEOG105

Assignment #1

10 Points

Due: Wednesday, January 30

Regions of California

Your assignment is to personally “regionalize” California, where each region can be described by some shared characteristic(s). Regions do not have rigid boundaries, so sketch yours as best you can. I do not expect you to do outside research for this assignment, even if you feel you do not have enough information; you may rely on your existing knowledge and experience and/or perceptions (whether verified or not) to draw your regions. If you do consult outside sources, please cite them.

You must define at least seven regions.

Turn in your personal regional map, along with a short description of the rationale for each of your regions. What criteria did you consider in defining each region? In other words, what variable(s) did you use to regionalize? Do your criteria differ across regions? How would you classify each of your regions (i.e. functional, uniform, a mixture)? Also consider these questions in your write-up: Do you believe your regions to be stable? Are they changing form? How?

To Turn In

- Region map with at least 7 regions (feel free to be creative) (5 points)
- 1-2 page essay describing your regions (5 points)

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