

The Cultural Landscape

Preparation for AP Human Geography Examination

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- American Geographer who was chair at UC Berkeley who developed idea of Cultural Landscape in the 1920s
- Recognized humans as influential in the study of geography

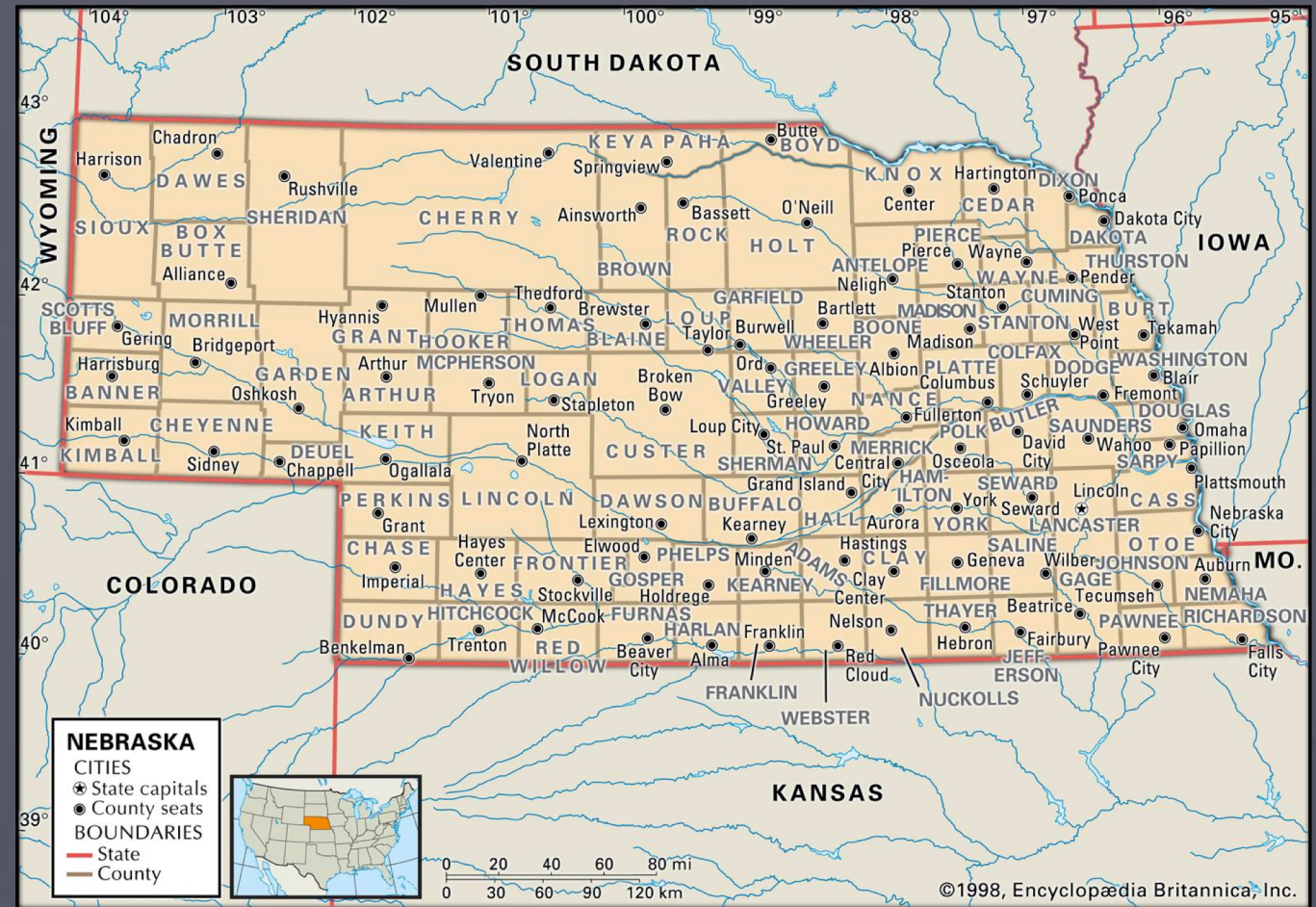


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- Landscape is a reflection of the people who live there and their cultural values. Humans change the landscape to reflect their values, and through “reading a landscape” a geographer can learn more about a group of people

The Idea of Place

- The Human and Physical Characteristics of a place
 - Human Characteristics - Made-made changes and culturally significant factors to an area
 - Physical Characteristics – Natural defining features about a location



Placelessness

- Through globalization and the diffusion of ideas areas can become indistinguishable from one place to another, losing their unique qualities













