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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY  
GEOGRAPHY OF NEW YORK STATE**

**EXAM 2 STUDY GUIDE  
Tuesday, December 18, 2012  
5:30 PM-7:20 PM, Rm. 1021HN**

**I. Review:**

- A. Class notes
- B. All electronic handouts, including Internet reading pages.
- C. All electronic thematic maps.
- D. Required exercises.

**II. Readings:**

- A. *NYC Historical Atlas* in reserve room.
- B. *The Nature of New York: An Environmental History of the Empire State*
- C. *Moon Handbooks New York State*: Read about the following topics. Depending on your edition, the pages and scope of coverage varies.

**State Overview**

**Native Americans**

**Erie Canal**

**Urban areas:** Binghamton, Elmira/Buffalo, Niagara Falls/Rochester/  
Syracuse/Albany, Schenectady, Troy/Saratoga/Utica, Rome/Yonkers/  
New York City

**Regions**

Long Island/Hudson Valley/Catskills/Central NYS/North Country/  
Finger Lakes/Western NYS

*NOTE: See index for the pages dealing with your counties.*

**D. RESERVE ROOM BOOK: Thompson, *Geography of New York State*:**

*The following pages are **suggested**. Thompson provides an historic perspective for site and situation and for growth and development through the 1960s. Concentrate on concepts and interrelationships. **Ignore** economic statistics and assumptions of future trends. This basic information is supplemented by the NYS web sites.*

Historical geography, 113-139

Settlement, 155-71, 172-95

Economic development, 202-10, 232-36, 243, 246-50, 255-56 top, 309 summary -310

Urban landscape, 333-339 top

Rural landscape, 358-69

Albany-Schenectady-Troy, 385-91

Binghamton, 396-403

Buffalo, 407-15

Rochester, 458-63, Syracuse, 469-77

Utica-Rome, 480-84

New York City, 423-40

### III. Exam Format:

There will be a combination of

- multiple choice short answer questions
- one discussion-length essay focusing on the premise that the quality of location changes with time citing population distribution, economic focus and urban site factors, and
- a choice of short essay questions covering all the topics of the second half of the semester

Some of the above will be aimed at maps (place name location and map interpretation).

Be able to discuss in general terms such topics aspects of NYS's settlement pattern and military geography, rural characteristics (forests, agriculture and agricultural products), environmental issues, components of its urban/industrial character including site factors, economic trends and critical original site factors for the location of urban areas.

Of course, aspects of its physical environment (landforms, climate and water) need to be reviewed.

### IV. Definitions:

|                           |                          |                             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bird Breeding Atlas       | floriculture             | Open Space Conservtn Plan   |
| Blue Line                 | forest landscape         | portage                     |
| canal lock                | forest preserve          | public land classif. system |
| Census of Agriculture     | gentrification           | reforestation               |
| Census of Industry        | Geographic Area Profile  | Regional Plan Association   |
| Census of Population      | growing degree day (GDD) | service trades              |
| climax vegetation         | growing season           | state forest                |
| conservation easement     | heritage area            | Three Sisters               |
| crop weather              | Iroquois Confederacy     | trade or service area       |
| demographic profile       | longhouse                | urban function              |
| Economic Developmt Region | mixed landscape          | urban hierarchy             |
| ecozone                   | multiple use areas       | USDA                        |
| equine industry           | multiplier effect        | wildlife management area    |
| farm landscape            | NASS                     |                             |
| Five Nations              | NYS Data Center          |                             |

### V. Place Name List:

1. Major NYS cities and their surrounding metropolitan areas.
2. Major NYS agricultural areas and their products.
3. Major NYS forested areas.
4. Primary NYS manufacturing regions.
5. Chief physical features associated with 1-4 above.
6. Know the names and locations of the historic canals shown in the 1855 Canals map.
7. The following New York City Metropolitan Area place names; use the outline maps as a study guide.

**NYS Counties:** Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk, Bronx, New York, Queens, Kings, Richmond.

**NJ Counties:** Hudson, Essex, Bergen, Passaic, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Morris.

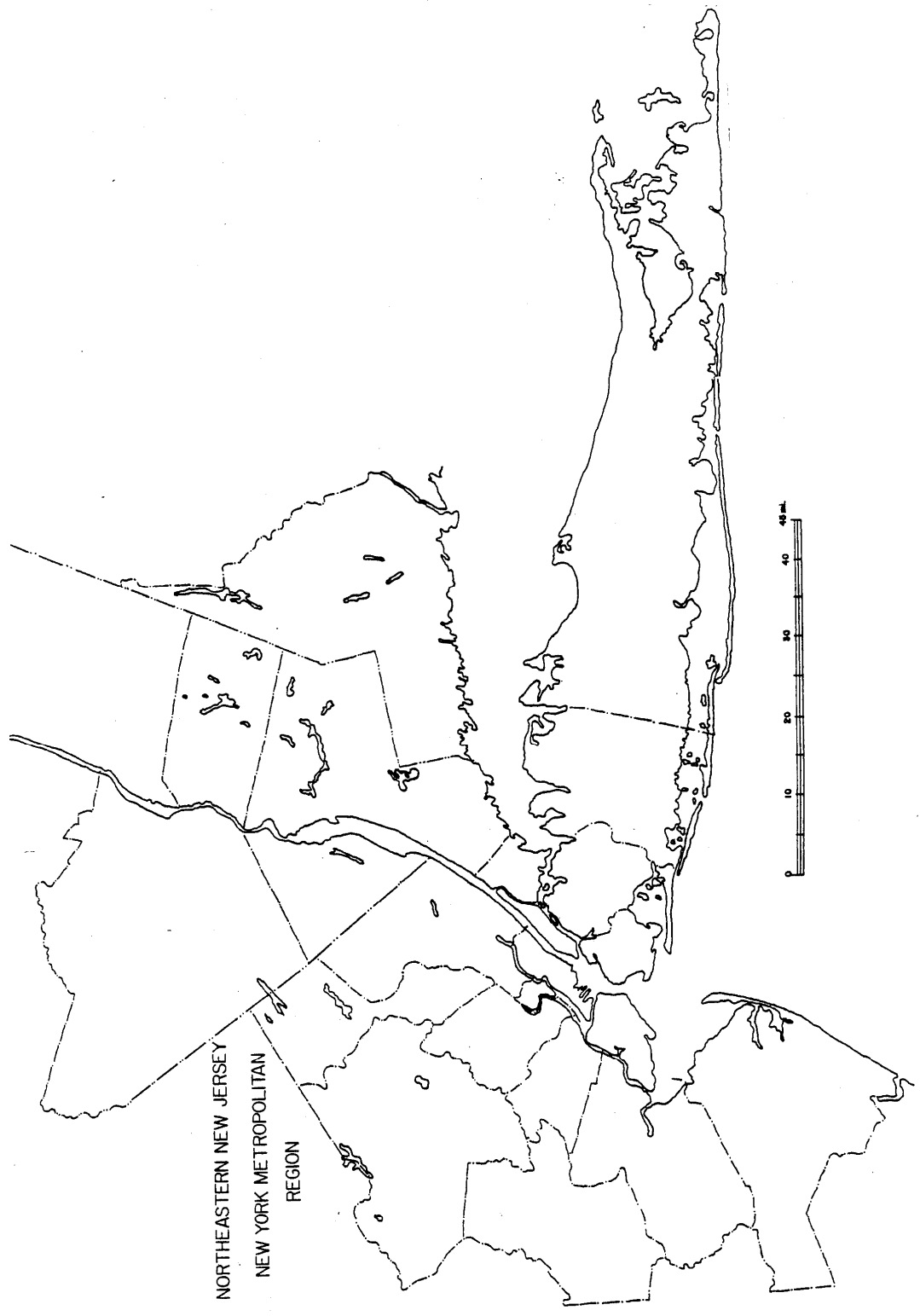
**CT County:** Fairfield.

**Physical Features:**

Arthur Kill  
Atlantic Ocean  
Coney Island  
East River  
Fire Island  
Fresh Kills  
Gardiner's Island  
Great Neck  
Great South Bay  
Harlem River  
Hudson River  
Kill Van Kull  
Lloyd Neck

Long Beach Island  
Long Island Sound  
Lower New York Bay  
Lower NY Bay  
Manhasset Neck  
Manhattan Island  
Meadowlands  
Montauk Point  
Moriches Bay  
Newark Bay  
North Fork  
Orient Point  
Oyster Bay

Palisades  
Peconic Bay  
Plum Island  
Raritan Bay  
Raritan River  
Rockaway Peninsula  
Sandy Hook  
Shelter Island  
South Fork  
Staten Island  
The Narrows  
Upper New York Bay



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