

## Media Geography Student Background

### **Assignment:**

This course has components shared with courses at the three universities in Arizona (ASU, NAU and UofA). It is important for us to understand the skill level, experiences and background of students in all three courses. The following essay and questionnaire are required in each course. Thank you for your participation.

### Essay

Write a short biography providing information on the following: why you are taking this class and what you hope to gain from it; your education, your family background, the places and environments in which you have lived; and what role media plays in your day-to-day life. (500-800 words). Assignment will not be graded – full course credit will be given for submitting.

### Questionnaire

This questionnaire focuses on measures such as GPA, formal geography education, exposure to critical thinking, reading, and writing classes, gender, race/ethnicity, major/minor, and age-group. Please answer the following questions:

Name	
College	
E-mail address	
Age	
Gender	
Race/Ethnicity	
Number of years in school	
Names of other colleges attended	
Major and minor	
Have you ever taken a critical thinking, reading, or writing class?	
Other geography or media classes taken and where (please list)	
The following questions will be used to determine groups, and project topic(s). Do you own or have access to a digital camera?	
Are you familiar with Adobe Photoshop, if so please describe your level of familiarity. Are you familiar with PowerPoint, if so please describe your level of familiarity.	
Please list strengths in the following areas: research, analysis,	

technical expertise, photography	
Area of interest in relationship to this course (please describe in < 200 words).	