

GEOMORPHOLOGY PROJECTS

A group research project is an integral part of this geomorphology class. The projects will be done in groups of two and must involve the collection of data. These data can be field data; they can be data collected from maps or data gathered from the literature and used to make calculations that involve new and independent thought.

This year, there is a new twist to the projects. They must be place based. By that we mean that they must examine explicitly the history of the place in which they are conducted considering at minimum the history and effect of the underlying bedrock, the glacial sediments, and the human/landscape interaction over the past 10,000 years and especially since western settlement.

We've structured the project so that you will be working on it throughout the semester. By October, you should have settled into a group and found a research topic. You will have an entire week, unencumbered by classes, to collect your data and additional time to revise your draft before making a final presentation.

The purpose of this project is not only to give you experience gathering and interpreting data, it is also designed to hone your writing and presentation skills. Although the reports and presentations will be short (5 page double space and ten minute MAXIMUM), I expect your groups to be well prepared.

On the back side of this sheet, I've listed some ideas which might give you direction in selecting a project topic. This list is only to get you started. I hope by looking through the literature and listening in class that you'll identify other avenues of research. Please come see me and Luke in your groups to talk about project ideas before the October 13 and the October 20 deadlines for project proposals.....

GROUPS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE

**YOUR PROJECT MUST INVOLVE GATHERING DATA, THESE ARE NOT
TERM PAPERS WHERE ONE REVIEWS LITERATURE.**