I. Major Themes
   A. regional differences becoming more defined
   B. widening gap between rich and poor in USA

II. Canada
   A. general human geography
      1. general stats:
         a. 2nd largest country after Russia
         b. population ≥ 35 million
      2. federation
         a. British Commonwealth of Nations
         b. 1867 British North America Act
         c. 10 provinces, 3 federal territories
            1) 10 provinces: Newfoundland; Prince Edward Island; Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Quebec; Ontario; Manitoba; Saskatchewan; Alberta; and, British Columbia
            2) 3 territories: Yukon; Northwest Territories; Nunavut
      3. settlement patterns
         a. vast majority of population within 200 mi of US border and in clusters
         b. major cities (metro area populations)
            1) Montreal (4M) → Toronto (6.1M)
            2) Vancouver (BC) = 3rd largest (2.4 M)
   B. major issues
      1. devolution - Quebec
         a. divided population:
            1) English speaking = 62%
            2) French speaking = 25%
         b. historical causes and complaints
         c. referendums on Quebec sovereignty
            1) 1980: soundly rejected
            2) 1995: 49.4% voted for independence
         d. language is root of Quebec nationalism
         e. current situation
      2. climate change/Arctic Rush
         a. global climate change
         b. staking territory
         c. Northwest Passage
         d. Northeast Passage
         e. impacts
         f. nations involved: Russia, Canada, Denmark, Norway, USA
         g. Law of the Sea Treaty – EEZ
         h. oil and gas: the "great Game in a cold climate"
         i. China
         j. Russia: “The New Ice Curtain”?
         k. peril or potential? Greenland: 1st new climate change nation?

III. Mental maps of North America
   A. how are regions defined? homogeneity
   B. mental maps of North America

A. background

B. Garreau’s Nine Nations (capitals)

1. New England (Boston)
   a. poorest of the nations
   b. the only “civilized” place in N Amer

2. Foundry (Detroit)
   a. declining industrial heart
   b. you don’t work to live here; you live here to work
   c. environment: nation where nature altered most

3. Dixie (Atlanta)
   a. "Dixie’s boundaries defined more by emotion than any other nation”
   b. economic and cultural isolation from rest of US
   c. the "Fugees" -- soccer in the South
   d. Sunbelt phenomenon

4. The Islands (Miami)
   a. Miami, Caribbean and northern coast of S America
   b. large Cuban population in US

5. Quebec (Quebec)
   a. French culture in North America
   b. devolution?

6. Ecotopia (San Francisco)
   a. coastal strip from San Francisco to southern Alaska
   b. only place in the West with water
   c. future: Japan and the Pacific Rim

7. MexAmerica (Los Angeles)
   a. 3 A’s: air conditioning, automobiles, aqueducts
   b. dry
   c. environmental issues
   d. multicultural

8. Breadbasket (Kansas City)
   a. heartland
   b. educated/cultured
   c. changing demographics
   d. "If there were no Lutherans...would there still be green jello?"

9. Empty Quarter (Denver)
   a. largest nation
   b. dry
   c. high
   d. federal land v. private ownership
   e. the “real” West and the pioneer mentality

10. Colorado as an idea?
    a. 2013 secession vote