

AMST 230 Cultural Geography of North America

Final Exam

Please answer **2** of the following questions.

1. More than twenty years after its publication, what are the strengths and weaknesses of Garreau's "Nine Nations" hypothesis?
2. According to Cronon, what is "the trouble with wilderness"? If his thesis is correct, what does this imply about what can be done to repair the "trouble"? Does it have public policy implications? To what extent do you think he is right, and why?
3. Why are Americans so obsessed with automobiles? Are they a particularly American obsession? What are the most important consequences of this obsession?