The Changing Landscape

Objectives

The students will learn that the landscape is constantly changing.

The students will understand that certain human activities are carried out in specific locations.

Materials Needed

Landscape Picture Map, map markers or post it notes.

Lesson

Pull down the Landscape Picture Map. Have the students circle the building that is under construction in the middle of the city. Tell the students that today they will determine the purpose of this building.

List the following terms on the board:

Gas station          Restaurant
Factory              Hospital
School               Office building

Ask the students to examine the list above. Tell them to eliminate the least likely purpose of the building. Each time a purpose is eliminated have the students justify their decisions.

The building under construction is an office building. Ask the students to discuss how this new building will change the city. (Answers might include more traffic, parking problems, etc.)

Ask the students if there is any construction taking place in their area. What is the purpose of this construction? How will this impact other people?