

Template for PDK Vignettes

Title (topic, theme or issue)

Your name and contact details

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Description (250 words maximum) – Describe your chosen topic, theme and issue in geographical terms.

Visual Illustration – Include a map, photograph, diagram, image or other geographic visualization that represents your chosen topic, theme or issue.

Discussion (250 words maximum) – Add a reflection that offers an explanation of what makes your example evidence of powerful disciplinary knowledge (PDK). For example,

- Why is substantive knowledge about geographical conditions or characteristics essential for understanding the example?
- What is geographically theoretical or conceptual about the example? How does the example support geographical thinking in a way that is systematic (i.e., does the example show the intellectual significance of geographical concepts such as location, place, region, pattern, spatial hierarchy, regional identity, etc.)?
- How does the example support geographical thinking or action in a way that can be applied (i.e., not just ‘inert’ knowledge regurgitated for a test)?