

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Geographical Edition  
Week 14 (Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006)

1. **Acclivity** – *N.* An upward hill
2. **Accretion** – *N.* An increase by natural growth or addition
3. **Aggrade** – *V.* To build up to a level by depositing sediment
4. **Alluvial** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or found in sediment deposited by flowing water
5. **Alpine** – *Adj.* Of or relating to high mountains
6. **Apex** – *N.* The highest point of something
7. **Atoll** – *N.* An island consisting of a circular coral reef surrounding a lagoon
8. **Avulsion** – *N.* The sudden movement of soil from as a result of flood
9. **Benthic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to or happening on the bottom under a body of water
10. **Berm** – *N.* A narrow edge of land
11. **Caldera** – *N.* A large crater formed by volcanic explosion
12. **Cataract** – *N.* A large or high waterfall
13. **Confluence** – *N.* A flowing together of two or more streams of water
14. **Cordillera** – *N.* An extensive chain of mountains or mountain ranges
15. **Debouchure** – *N.* An opening or mouth, as of a river or stream
16. **Eddy** – *N.* A miniature whirlpool
17. **Estuary** – *N.* The wide part of a river where it meets the sea
18. **Fell** – *N.* A barren or stony hill
19. **Kame** – *N.* A short mound of sand and gravel deposited during the melting of glacial ice
20. **Lotic** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or living in moving water
21. **Meridian** – *N.* An imaginary great circle on the surface of the earth passing through the north and south poles
22. **Piedmont** – *N.* An area of land formed or lying at the foot of a mountain or mountain range
23. **Riparian** – *N.* Of, on, or relating to the banks of a natural course of water
24. **Scarp** – *N.* A long steep slope or cliff at the edge of a plateau or ridge
25. **Sedimentary** – *Adj.* Of or relating to the solid fragments of inorganic or organic material that come from the weathering of rock
26. **Spit** – *N.* A narrow strip of land that juts out into the sea
27. **Tundra** – *N.* A vast treeless plain