

# VII Place Names

## A. Toponyms

1. Toponyms are place names that reflect cultural identity and impact the cultural landscape.
2. People take great pride in naming their place, which can become a controversial task b/c determining a toponym can indicate ownership and control over space.

Ex: Bombay → Mumbai

3. Toponyms can give clues into origins and aspirations of their related cultures.

Ex 1: St. Petersburg Russia: Named by Peter the Great after his namesake St. Peter

Ex 2: Santa Barbara, Cali: Reflects Spanish-Portuguese

Ex 3: Paradise, California

Ex 4: Hope, Arkansas

Ex 5: Hell, Michigan