

### Timed Writing Number 7

Answer the question on the paper provided in class. Keep this handout in your folder.

*Gatlinburg is a shock to the system from whichever angle you survey it... It sits just outside the main entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and specializes in providing all those things that the park does not--- principally, slurpy food, motels, gift shops, and sidewalks on which to waddle and dawdle--- nearly all of it strewn along a single, astoundingly ugly main street.*

*Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most popular national park in America, but Gatlinburg--- this is so unbelievable--- is more popular than the park.*

*So Gatlinburg is appalling...*



*Satellite Photo of Gatlinburg, 2010*

6. After reading the short selections above from Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods* answer the following questions.

- A. Explain the type of diffusion responsible for the cultural landscape of Gatlinburg.
- B. List two examples that help describe the cultural landscape of the region described in the reading.
- C. Discuss how Gatlinburg exhibits characteristics of placelessness.
- D. Give three reasons why Gatlinburg is "more popular than the park."
- E. From the satellite photo of Gatlinburg discuss TWO consequences to Gatlinburg's development and growth as a gateway city to the nation's most popular national park.

\* *Underline the key words in the question above.*

\* *Be sure to use and reference the reading when answering the question.*

