The purpose of this assignment is to expose you to some of the natural and cultural history of the Channel Islands by visiting the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (www.sbnature.org). The Museum has played an important role in exploring and understanding the geology and natural and cultural history of the Channel Islands. This assignment is **due by Friday, June 5 at 5pm** (give to Sara Baguskas or leave in her Geography mailbox on the first floor of Ellison Hall).

Your assignment is to create a cartoon that illustrates an insular (island) or cultural process, system, or event. You can show things like dwarfism, gigantism, mainland-island trade, natural or human communities, changes in island extent and shorelines, etc. Evaluations will be based on originality, thoughtfulness, and accuracy, and no two cartoons should be alike!

You are encouraged to see Sara for examples.

To inspire you to create this cartoon, and also to prepare you for the final exam, here are some exhibits to visit and study at the Museum of Natural History. I suggest you bring a notebook and make sketches of the following displays:

**ENTRANCE**
- Blue Whale skeleton

**GEOLOGY HALL**
- Pygmy mammoth skeleton
- Rocks and geological structures
- Mammoth tusk display (middle of floor)
- Index Fossils

**MARINE LIFE HALL**
- Submarine topography
- Rocky Intertidal
- Giant Kelp forest
- Life in the Intertidal

**MAMMAL HALL**
- Sea otter
- Harbor seal
- Sea Lion
- Grey Fox

**BIRD HABITAT HALL**
- Sandy beach
**INDIAN HALL**
Chumash plank canoe (Tomol)
Life for island Chumash
Island Chumash
Coastal Chumash
Trade and Trails

You are responsible for observing and studying the material in the above displays. This includes both the specimens and the written material. You do not have to memorize the descriptions but at least read them and note the main points in your notebook. There could be questions on the final exam. This may seem like a lot of work, but keep in mind that this field trip assignment will be worth 15% of your grade, and you have no section to attend each week, which is highly unusual for an upper-division, 4-unit course. So, the amount of time required for these field trips is fairly small compared to other courses like this one. You should be able to visit the Museum and Botanic Garden in the same trip.

Driving Directions to the Museum from UCSB (please carpool!):
The museum is located on 2559 Puesta Del Sol Road. Take I01 Southbound, exit at Mission Street, and follow it toward the mountains. You will pass the Mission and the Museum of Natural History will be your first legal left turn (past the bridge). The museum is open between 10am and 5 pm every day.

You can also reach the Museum by bus (both weekdays and weekends) on MTD line 22 (The Old Mission Line - http://www.sbmtd.gov/Lines/Line_22.htm).

Note: Part of this assignment was adapted from a previous Channel Islands course assignment crafted by Jenny Dugan