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What are the different landscape regions of New York?
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- New York State contains many different landscape regions characterized by different elevations and various rock types
  - High Elevations: mountains and highlands
  - Medium Elevations: plateaus
  - Low Elevations: plains and lowlands
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• Atlantic Coastal Plain - landscape region formed during the Cretaceous and Pleistocene
  • Composition: sedimentary rock
  • Elevation: low
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• Manhattan Prong - landscape region formed during the Cambrian and Ordovician
  • Composition: metamorphic rock
  • Elevation: low
Manhattan Prong
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• Hudson Highlands / Taconic Mountains - landscape region formed during the middle of the Proterozoic

  • Composition: metamorphic rock

  • Elevation: high
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- Hudson / Mohawk Lowlands - landscape region formed during the Ordovician
  - Composition: sedimentary rock
  - Elevation: low
Hudson-Mohawk Lowlands
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• Adirondack Mountains - landscape region formed during the middle of the Proterozoic
  • Composition: metamorphic rock
  • Elevation: high
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- Tug Hill Plateau - landscape region formed during the Ordovician
  - Composition: sedimentary rock
  - Elevation: medium
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• Erie-Ontario Lowlands - landscape region formed during the Silurian
  • Composition: sedimentary rock
  • Elevation: low
Erie-Ontario Lowlands
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- St. Lawrence Lowlands - landscape region formed during the Ordovician and Cambrian
  - Composition: sedimentary rock
  - Elevation: low
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St. Lawrence Lowlands
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- Allegheny Plateau / Catskills - landscape region formed during the Devonian
  - Composition: sedimentary rock
  - Elevation: medium
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