

AP Human Geography Summer Assignments 2017-18

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We are so excited that you will join us in learning about Human Geography. This subject is informative, challenging and will make you aware of the amazing complexity of our world. We will also work together to be ready for the AP Human Geography test.

Complete ***all*** 5 steps below before class begins on August 21st.



1. Watch the following clips from you tube.

Geography asks the spatial question

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kRWWiaQv1g>

Why Geography Matters

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESHQh2WFTJM&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1

Why Geography Matters by Google Earth

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPGuhJe6Qao>

Geographic Information Systems

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V_Mz7NDy3o

Harm DeBlij: Geography and the Future -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YA2V5IHvHHM&feature=related&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1

200 years that changed the world

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbkSRLYSojo>

2. Read the following articles:

a. "Defining Geography: What is Where, Why There, and Why Care?" - Charles Gritzner, South Dakota State University

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/courses/teachers_corner/155012.html

b. Geographic calibrations, by Neal Lineback, Geography in the News, National Geographic, May 19, 2014

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/05/19/geography-in-the-news-geographic-calibrations/>

3. Answer the following question using information you learned in videos or articles: (We are expecting at least a paragraph response to each question. Remember, this is your first introduction to your teacher. You will want to feature your best effort.)

1. Give as many answers as possible to complete this statement: As a geographer, I _____
2. How is the study of geography different from other social studies subjects, like history for example?
3. Define GIS and GPS. What kinds of inequalities exist in mapping, GIS or GPS?
4. What is a "spatial perspective?"
5. What do geographers mean when they talk about "connections?"

4. Try to purchase an *inexpensive* copy of An Introduction to Human Geography by James Rubenstein. You can find an inexpensive copy of an earlier edition of the book on Amazon. (Some of those used books sell for a penny!) Below is a link that will get you started:

http://www.amazon.com/Cultural-Landscape-Introduction-Human-Geography/dp/0131429396/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1337788243&sr=1-2

Also – get a copy of **Fast Food Nation** by Eric Schlosser. It is best to have it at the beginning of the semester. Here is a link to the book. (GET THE CHEAPEST COPY YOU CAN. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW NEW IT IS. You can also get it in a e-book format if you like.)

<http://www.amazon.com/Fast-Food-Nation-Dark-All-American/dp/0547750331>

5. Finally, ask yourself “how is my mental map” of the world? Do I know where places are? It is strongly advised that you use the following website (or one like it) to test yourself, and strengthen your knowledge of places around the world.

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

Expect a map test in the first week of school.