

Voluntary Summer Reading Project-Incoming AP Human Geography Students

In advance of your beginning AP Human Geography, I would like you to read **either** *Guns, Germs, or Steel*, *The World until Yesterday*, or *Sapiens*. The books will broaden your understanding of human geography and will help make you more interesting students which in turn will make class more interesting and meaningful. You will explain your book based on the rubric below. The expectation is four typed pages in MLA style. Pic at least four chapters from four different sections of the book. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO READ THE ENTIRE BOOK!**

Please use the following rubric as a guide to how to organize your paper:

I. Description

5 points: Author's name, place of publication, date of publication, number of pages in book.

20 points: Summary of book -- important points brought out, highlights, etc.

II. Analysis

10 points: Author's objectives. What did the author intend for the reader in writing this book?

10 points: Universal lessons. Provide examples from the book of lessons that would apply any place or time. These lessons should deal, if possible, with threads of humanity or the universal condition. If you do not feel there is any lesson to be learned from your book, explain why.

10 points: Use of passages to support answer.

III. Appraisal

10 points: Did you like/dislike the book and why?

5 points: What is missing?

IV. Themes of Geography

20 points: Please integrate, where applicable, the five geographic themes of place/location, movement, perception, human/environment interaction, and region. If you are unsure of the definitions of these terms complete a Web inquiry related to the "five themes of geography." You do not have to address them all, just the ones that apply to your book!

V. Overall Paper

10 points Synthesis and readability

Total: 100 points

WHY AM I DOING THIS? WHERE DOES THE GRADE GO? DOESN'T VOLUNTARY MEAN I DON'T HAVE TO DO IT?

I will record the highest grade between this and the Unit 1 Test. Do this well and the pressure is off for test one!