

Advanced Placement Human Geography
Summer Assignments and Readings

ASSIGNMENT: I. PURCHASE Required Study Guides- The 2013 Cracking the AP Human Geography Exam by the Princeton Review- (Available used on Amazon.com) will need to be purchased during the summer months to complete the assignments.

This book will be used as a supplemental textbook as it is more up to date.

ASSIGNMENT II. Required Readings- will need to be read by the first week of school- all can be found used on Amazon.com for a minimal price

1. *The Tao of Poo*- Benjamin Hoff
2. *The World is Flat*- Thomas Friedman
3. *The Hot Zone*- Richard Preston *****
4. *Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Dependency on Imported Petroleum (American Empire Project)*- Michael T. Klare
5. *China, Inc.*- Ted C. Fishman

ASSIGNMENT III. Required Documentaries by subject-

BASIC GEOGRAPHY

Earth From Above series-

Water, Biodiversity, Seas and Oceans Parts I and II, Earth Part I and II

DEVELOPMENT

The Lottery of Birth (2013)

RELIGION

Women of the Holy Kingdom (2011)

The Chosen People

The Buddha (2010)

Beyond Our Differences (2007)

POPULATION/MIGRATION

It's a Girl (2003)

AGRICULTURE

Food, Inc.

David vs. Monsanto

King Corn

Fresh

Ingredients

RESOURCES

Tapped

The End of the Line

The Vanishing of Bees

CULTURE

Worse than War (2010)

ASSIGNMENT IV. ATLAS: The World Regions:

Create your own atlas! Due the first week of school!

1. Print off the **blank** physical and political maps found below (you will need **TWO** copies of each)-

North America,

Africa

Oceania and Australia/New

South America,

Asia

Zealand

Europe

TASK A-Label Map ONE OF EACH CONTINENT with ALL the major physical features-mountains, rivers, deserts, oceans, seas, etc. Study the features until you have a good mental picture of the regions.

TASK B -Label Map TWO OF EACH CONTINENT with ALL the countries, capitals, and major urban areas.

ASSIGNMENT V. Guns, Germs, and Steel Video and Questions-

<http://www.cleanvideosearch.com/media/action/yt/watch?v=uKt-DXczaY8>

Episode 1

1. Jared Diamond has a theory about what causes huge discrepancies among different countries, and he says it boils down to geographic luck.
 - a. What was great about the "Fertile Crescent"?
 - b. Why do the people in New Guinea struggle to thrive (what holds them back)?
2. How are people domesticating crops to get bigger, tastier yields?

3. According to Diamond, livestock also play a huge role in a civilization's ability to become rich and powerful. How did the domestication of animals help people? Give three examples: *a.*, *b.*, *c.*
4. List 4 of the animals that have been domesticated: *a.*, *b.*, *c.*, *d.* What do they have in common?
5. How did the ability to domesticate animals help a civilization's ability to become rich and powerful?
6. What happened to the "Fertile Crescent" over time? What caused this?

Episode 2

1. At the time that the Spanish conquistador's invaded the Inca Empire, they were armed with state of the art weaponry. Describe this weaponry:
2. What is Jared Diamond's explanation for why the Spanish had advanced to steel swords while Inca's were still making tools and weapons from bronze?
3. How did their diversified society help with this cause?
4. What battle tactics were used by the conquistadors to help them defeat the large Inca army?
5. What did the Inca's need to do to be successful in war?
6. According to Diamond, what made the Europeans "accidental conquerors"?

Episode 3

1. Europeans were able to develop guns, germs, and steel to help them conquer the world. What does Diamond think helped them the most in developing those factors?
2. Why were Europeans successful on the South African cape? How was it similar to back home?
3. Why did people in the African cape and Americas struggle so much with the germs that the Europeans brought?
4. How did the native African eventually protect themselves from the germs causing Smallpox and Malaria?
5. What is the number one public health problem in Zambia?
6. How has this problem affected the poverty level in Zambia?
7. How have other countries such as Malaysia and Singapore developed rich economies despite having many of the same geographic problems face by African nations?

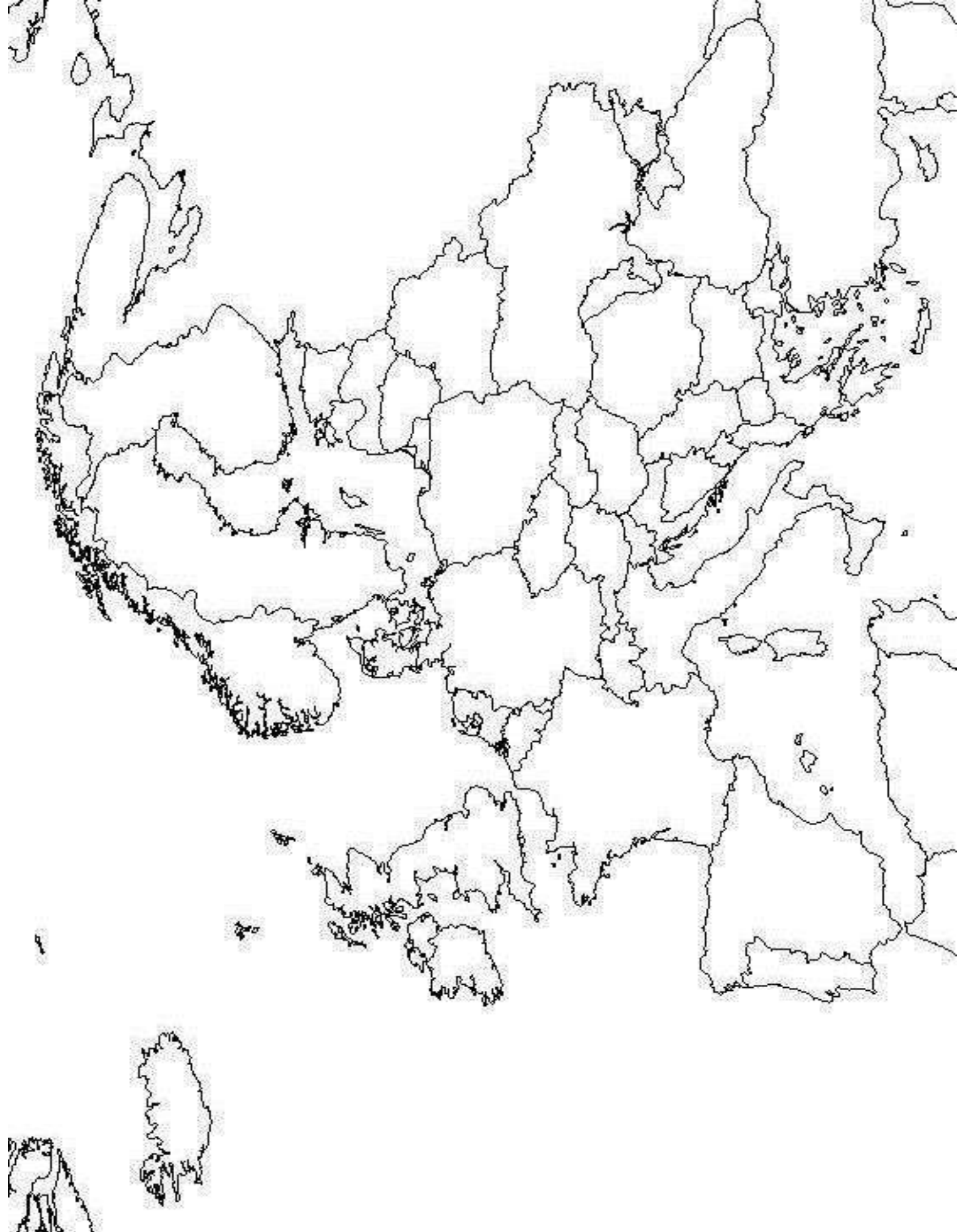
ASSIGNMENT VI. Collapse Video and Questions

2210: THE COLLAPSE? - <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/2210-collapse/>

1. Explain whether or not you believe that a collapse of our society inevitable?
2. In your opinion, explain if anything can be done to change or stop it.
3. How could we survive a collapse? What would our world be like after?

III. Movie Suggestions- view only with parent's permission and if you haven't seen them already

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| 1. <i>Kundun</i> - religion | 13. <i>Six Degrees</i> - climate |
| 2. <i>The Last Emperor</i> - Chinese culture | 14. <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> - climate |
| 3. <i>Amistad</i> - Slavery | 15. <i>Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World</i> - colonialism/empire building |
| 4. <i>Day after Tomorrow</i> - Climate shifts due to global warming | 16. <i>The Third Miracle</i> - religion |
| 5. <i>Volcano</i> - Planet | 17. <i>Shindler's List</i> - ethnic cleansing and Holocaust |
| 6. <i>Dante's Peak</i> - Planet | 18. <i>Seven Years in Tibet</i> - religion |
| 7. <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> - Indian culture | 19. <i>Sword of Gideon</i> - ethnic clashes, political dispute |
| 8. <i>Gandhi</i> - Colonialism, Indian history and culture | 20. <i>The Da Vinci Code</i> - religion, history (fiction) |
| 9. <i>Amazing Grace</i> - slavery | 21. <i>My Name is Khan</i> - terrorism, religion, ethnicity |
| 10. <i>Cry Freedom</i> - apartheid | 22. <i>Contagion</i> - contagious diffusion |
| 11. <i>A Dry White Season</i> - apartheid | 23. <i>The Iron Lady</i> - gender empowerment |
| 12. <i>Hotel Rwanda</i> - ethnic genocide | 24. <i>Outbreak</i> - contagious diffusion |











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