

## AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

This summer you will have preparation work to help you begin to learn about the concepts and issues we will be discussing in class. Your summer preparation includes reading ONE of the books below!

### **AP Human Geography Summer Reading Options (pick one)**

*The City of Joy* by Dominique LaPierre

*Confucius Lives Next Door* by T. R. Reid

*Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women* by Nicholas Kristof

*How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely theory of Globalization* by Franklin Foer

*Messages from an Unknown Chinese Mother* by Xinran

*The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town* by Mary Pipher

*Why Geography Matters: Now more than ever.* by Harm de Blij

*Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution* by Thomas L. Friedman

### **Summer Reading Reflection**

You are required to write a reflection paper on your chosen book based on the following rubric. 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

#### **II. Summary of Book (20 points)**

- Important points brought out, highlights, etc).

#### **III. Analysis (30 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. (Use passages to support your answer)**(20 points)**

#### **IV Appraisal (15 points)**

- Did you like/dislike the book and why? **(10 points)**
- What is missing? **(5 points)**

#### **V. Themes of Geography (20 points)**

Please integrate, where applicable, the 5 geographic themes of place/location, movement, perception, human/environment interaction, and region. If you are unsure of the definitions of these terms, you will find them in any dictionary or 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!

Ten points are reserved for the overall paper. **(10 points)**

**This includes organization, neatness, and having had someone check the grammar and spelling. MUST BE TYPED!**

The Book Review is worth a total of 100 points. The **due date is Friday, September 11, 2015**

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment Part 2

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mental Map of Your World Due the 1st week of School (8/28/15).**

On a piece of paper no larger than a poster board and no smaller than an 8-1/2 x 11 piece of plain white paper, please draw your mental map of your life. Please make sure you include your home, Sunlake High School, and ANY other important locations on your map. If your important places are located outside of Land O Lakes (other states, other countries) please include them too. Show as much detail as you can, and remember to make the map accurate in terms of *what is important to you*, such as the places you eat, work, walk, recreate, etc. Finally, make sure you include your own made-up symbols for **landmarks** (prominent points of interest- shop, work, eat, etc.), **pathways** (streets, routes to...), **districts** (downtown, "downtown"), **nodes** (meeting places, centers where streets of pathways cross), and **edges** (obvious breaks or boundaries between areas).

Please use color, pictures, words, anything that can best represent your perspective on the world you live in.

When your map is complete, please answer the following questions here:

1. What do you personally consider to be the most important features you drew on your map? Why?
  
2. How long have you lived in the Land O Lakes area? How has this affected your mental map?
  
3. How do you get around? Car? Bicycle? Public Transport? Walk? How has this affected your mental map?
  
4. Take a look at a street map of the Tampa Bay Area area using google maps or equivalent. When you get there, type in **Land O Lakes** for the city and **FL** for the state, then, zoom into the map. How does your mental map compare to the street map? Consider differences in detail, distances, directions, etc.
  
5. What do the differences between the way you think of the San Jose area and the way it "actually" is on a street (cartographic) map imply?



