

AP Human Geography Course Syllabus

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Textbook Used: Human Geography for AP Course (Hildebrant, Lu, Keller and Neuman)
\$150

Supplementary Materials: Pens- Blue/ Black, Pencils, Three ring binder (1.5 inch) and loose leaf notebook paper. No spiral notebooks or journals

Course Description: The goal for this course is for students to become more geoliterate, more engaged in contemporary global issues, and more informed about multicultural viewpoints. They will develop skills in approaching problems geographically, using maps and geospatial technologies, thinking critically about texts and graphic images. Interpreting cultural landscapes and applying geographic concepts such as scale, region, diffusion, interdependence and spatial interaction, among others. Students will see geography as a source of ideas for identifying, clarifying and solving problems at various scales; and as a key component of building global citizenship and environmental stewardship.

Course Outline and Content:

The course is divided into 7 Units. Each unit includes a notebook check and a unit test as well as projects and other assignments. Tests and projects go into the assessment category while all other assignments go into the classwork category.

Cell phones must be out of sight during instruction.

Tutoring: by appointment before school and during instructional focus

Grading percentages: Classwork – 40%, Tests – 40% Semester or final assessment – 20% (see the back of this paper for more detailed information)

Student Name (Printed)_____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature_____

Quizzes are five to ten simple multiple choice questions that come directly from the textbook. They are meant to test that you read that chapter.

The Unit tests are 25 - 50 multiple choice questions. They are always college board questions.

There will never be free response questions on these quizzes or tests.

Quizzes and Unit Tests go into the assessment category of Infinite Campus. Padlets (discussion posts) will also go into the assessment category. There will be three separate free response tests later in the semester that will also go into Infinite Campus. Projects will also go into the assessment category of Infinite Campus. The assessment category makes up 40% of the final grade.

Classwork/practice grades will include vocabulary, notebook checks and other assignments. The classwork/practice category makes up 40% of the final grade.

There will be a final exam (20% of the final grade)

Homework - rarely will there be specific homework assignments. **However, you will have to invest time each day in reading and vocabulary work** as well as reviewing classroom lectures.