

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (2018-2019)

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COURSE OVERVIEW

AP Human Geography is a year-long course that focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the planet. AP Human Geography is a rigorous, interactive course that teaches students how to think geographically. Students will develop excellent thinking and problem solving skills and gain a new perspective on the world in which we live.

COURSE GOALS

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Use and think about maps and spatial data.
- Recognize and interpret patterns of spatial organization and material character of Earth's surface.
- Assess the nature and significance of the relationships among phenomena that occur in the same place.
- Understand how events and processes at different scales influence one another on earth.
- Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process.
- Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places.

GENERAL COURSE TOPICS/UNITS

Unit 1: Geography—Basic Concepts and Mapping

Unit 2: Agricultural and Rural Land Use

Unit 3: Population and Migration

Unit 4: Culture - Race, Ethnicity and Identity

MID-TERM EXAM

Unit 5: Culture - Religion

Unit 6: Culture - Language

Unit 7: Political Geography

Unit 8: Cities and Urban Land Use

Unit 9: Industrialization and Economic Development

- **FINAL MAP EXAM**
- **FINAL APHG EXAM**
- **College Board's AP Human Geography Exam- May 14th(Tuesday)**

Unit 10: Global Issue Project (*Takes place after Final AP Exam*)

SUPPLES NEEDED FOR THE COURSE

- **TWO – Five Subject Notebooks** (more may be need over the course of the semester)
- Pencil, Pen, Standard pack of Colored Pencils, and a Highlighter (1 of each)
- One Three Ring Binder (used for course handouts/articles)
- One Three Ring Binder/ Folder (This will be used for their Atlas project)
- AP Human Geography Study Guide(Suggestions):
 - *Cracking the AP Human Geography Exam – Princeton Review*
 - *5 Steps to a 5- AP Human Geography*
 - *Barron's: AP Human Geography*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Participation:** Constructive and respectful **participation is REQUIRED**. All discussions/activities will be graded.
- **School Attendance Policy: 20 Minute Rule (10 min at the beginning and end). 4 tardies= referral.** Later than 10 min to class is an **unexcused absence**.
- **Food/Drink:** Food and drink in the class is a privilege, so the classroom should be left at least as clean as you found it.
- ***Cell Phones: Cell Phones ARE NOT PERMITTED** to be out **DURING THE CLASS PERIOD**. During the first two weeks of school, students will receive warnings for violating the policy. After those two weeks, if students violate the policy more than three times per quarter, the device will be confiscated and sent to an administrator. The phone will only be returned to a parent/guardian.
- **Textbook** (Human Geography: People, Place, and Culture, 10th Edition): Students will be given a textbook to be used daily either in class or to complete their weekly readings and questions.
- **Assignments** If an assignment is not turned in on time, then the student will have two days to turn in the late assignment for some credit (Drops two letter grades). 1st Day Late: Drops 1 Later Grade, 2nd Day Late: 2 Letter Grades, 3rd Day Late: Not Accepted (No Hard Feelings)
- **Geographer's Notebook:** Student created resource to include lecture notes, vocabulary terms, illustrations, field notes, etc. *Students will be completing textbook question weekly and writing response in this notebook.* Notebooks will be turned into me at the end of each unit for grading
- **World Atlas Project:** Each unit will focus on a different region of the world. Students will be creating their own atlases through the completion of assignments which will include making physical, political and thematic maps.
- **Geography Quizzes:** Map quizzes will be given each unit. These quizzes will test basic locational geographic knowledge, such as major oceans, major cities, continents, and countries.
- **MAKE-UP Quizzes:** You have **TWO days** to make up a quiz/ exam until it goes in the grade book as a permanent zero (unless worked out prior with teacher).
- **Unit Exams:** Each unit exam will consist of two sections: 40-60 multiple choice section and a Free Response Question (FRQ) essay response. **MAKE-UP EXAMS:** You have **TWO days** to make up an exam until it goes in the grade book as a permanent zero (unless worked out prior with teacher).
- **Flashcards (Optional):** Students have the option of making flashcards for each unit's vocabulary. Bonus points will be given for a full set of flashcards.
- **College Board AP EXAM:** The AP exam will be **Tuesday, May 14th** on campus. The exam (2 ½ Hours) will consist of 75 multiple choice questions and three Free Response Question essays. Students that receive a score of 3 or higher may receive college credit.

GRADING SCALE

90 - 100% = A
80 - 89% = B
70 - 79% = C
60 - 69% = D
50 - 59% = F

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

BE RESPECTFUL- We are building a classroom community which depends on each and every one of us being actively engaged and respectful of the right of others to participate and learn. Every student has the right to learn without unnecessary interruption. Behave in a manner that allows students to learn. If you interrupt another student's learning.

BE PREPARED – Come to class everyday prepared to learn. Make sure you have your text, notebook and writing utensil. Be prepared to engage in discussion, ask questions and THINK.

BE DISCIPLINED- This course will require all students to complete and turn in their work ON TIME, come to class willing to participate in the learning process, and to study and master all material over the course of this class. People and property enjoy the right to be unharmed in any way. If you harm any person or any property in the classroom, there will be a consequence.