AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

Greetings future APHUG students! **Please read all directions carefully**. This assignment is ***not required***, but it will give you an advantage at the beginning of the course

Unit I. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives—Basic Vocabulary and Concepts. The following concepts transcend all units in AP Human Geography; they are central to all geographic thinking and analysis and could even be considered central to any definition of geography. Our textbook and the supplementary articles we will read this year are written at the college level and require strong reading comprehension skills. Familiarizing yourself with the following list of words will help you with both reading assignments and questions on quizzes and tests. Make sure you can define the following vocabulary terms.

1. Built landscape

2. Cultural landscape

3. Arithmetic density

4. Physiological density

5. Hearth

6. Relocation diffusion

7. Expansion diffusion

8. Hierarchical diffusion

9. Contagious diffusion

10. Stimulus diffusion

11. Absolute location

12. Relative location

13. Site

14. Situation

15. Concentration

16. Distribution

17. Environmental determinism

18. Possibilism

19. Place name (toponym)

20. Formal Region

21. Functional Region (nodal)

22. Perceptual Region (vernacular)

23. Distance decay

24. Time-space compression

25. Geographic Information System (GIS)

26. Global Positioning System (GPS)

27. Latitude (parallel)

28. Equator

29. Longitude (meridian)

30. Prime Meridian

31. Map scale (small and large)

32. Thematic Map

33. Cartogram

34. Choropleth map

35. Isoline map

36. Mental map

37. Map projection

38. Globalization

39. More developed country (MDC)

40. Less developed country (LDC)

41. Colonialism

42. Commercial Agriculture

43. Conservation

44. Convergent tectonic plates

45. Divergent tectonic plates

46. Diffusion

47. Imperialism

48. Urbanization

49. Weathering

50. Erosion

51. Remote Sensing

52. Urbanization

53. Transform boundary (tectonic plates)

54. Topography

55. Subsistence Agriculture

56. Demography

57. Domestic

58. Nomadic

59. Pastoral

60. Cartography

1. Our course framework was developed by the College Board and is divided into seven units that will be spread across two semesters. Within each unit, there are key concepts that guide the course. See below for the names and their percentages on the AP Exam.

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| Unit | Percentage of Exam |
| 1 – Thinking Geographically | 8%-10% |
| 2 – Population and Migration Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |
| 3 – Cultural Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |
| 4 – Political Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |
| 5 – Agriculture and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |
| 6 – Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |
| 7 – Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes | 12%-17% |

This assignment is designed to help you with the spatial and geographical knowledge to operate within the framework.

1. Suggested Summer Reading is the book: *Origins: How the Earth Shaped Human History* by Lewis Dartnell
2. Also it is suggested that you get an Amsco AP Human Geography book (not required, but it will help with the course).
3. The following pages include basic geography skills and mapping skills.