

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 2017-2018

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AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

Human geography: (noun) the branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth's surface.

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your choice of this Advanced Placement Course! The decision to add an AP course to your schedule is commendable and the subject you have chosen is inspiring. Too many people within the global community suffer from a lack of geographic literacy. This course strives to shine a light on the immense need for geographic understanding as it relates to the political, social, military, economic, cultural, and environmental events that have defined our past, shape our present, and that will influence our future.

AP Human Geography is a fast-paced and intellectually demanding course. It requires any bias to be left at the door as we delve into a myriad of world cultures and diverse places. The concepts of an AP course are taught at a college-level pace and the full extent of student requirements will not be hidden. By this I mean that you will be provided a calendar at the start of each grading period that will indicate the dates of all assessments and major projects. It will be your responsibility to keep track of those due dates. It will be challenging. But as you can expect to be pushed in this academic endeavor, also expect to be encouraged, and leave with a new and exciting view on the world.

See a full explanation of the summer assignment below, as well as on the APHG course blog (address shown above). If there are any questions or concerns email me at jbusch@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Why do I have a summer assignment for AP Human Geography?

Completing this assignment will allow you to:

- be introduced to the importance of scale and significance of location.
- begin to assess the intricate relationship geography has with human activities and development.

What is my summer assignment?

Your summer assignment will be to answer the guided reading questions that go along with Chapter One in the Rubenstein textbook. These questions and a PDF scanned version of Chapter One will be posted on the course blog. <http://connect.pasco.k12.fl.us/jbusch/aphg-summer-assignment/> Please contact me *immediately* if you find that you are unable to access this information on the blog.

What would you suggest I do to achieve success in this class?

Be an *active* participant. This is a challenging course that has many cross-disciplinary concepts and applications. Approach this summer assignment with a level of scholarship and thoughtfulness on par with the expectations advanced placement courses request of their students. Work hard, think critically, and be open to learning something new.

What supplies will I need for this class?

I will provide you with many of the maps, materials, and review guides that will enable you to have a successful year. I do ask, however, that you pick up the following materials for the course:

- 1) One 3-ring binder – around 3”; filler paper
- 2) Pens (black and/or blue ink only), pencils, colored pencils, and highlighter
- 3) Access to a computer, printer, and Internet – there are assignments that will be posted on the course blog that you will be required to print on your own. Be aware of the computer and printer policies at RRHS Media Center if you do not have access to these at home.

Being familiar with the vocabulary of Human Geography is critical. Therefore am I requiring that you purchase *Barron’s AP Human Geography, 6th edition* study guide by Meredith Marsh, Ph.D. and Peter S. Alagona Ph.D. Make sure that you purchase the **6th** edition. There will be multiple assessments related to this text during the course. It is available in paperback and Kindle versions.

The textbook we will be using is *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*, (12th edition) by James M. Rubenstein. A class set of books will be available for checkout, but you do have the option if you wish to purchase this textbook yourself via the Internet. Some students benefit by having the opportunity to write directly in the text or by highlighting passages. Purchasing a personal copy of this book is strictly up to you.

An optional textbook that could help you enormously in your review of the various topics is the *AP Human Geography Crash Course* by Dr. Christian Sawyer. This too is available in paperback, Kindle version, and in PDF format on the Internet.

Contact me at jbusch@pasco.k12.fl.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the summer assignment or the course.

I am looking forward to meeting you!

--Ms. Busch