

Course/Grade Level: AP Human Geography

| Days | Unit | Standard(s)/Outcome(s) | Essential/Guiding Questions |
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| 3-5 | Unit 1: Thinking Geographically | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify types of maps, the types of information presented in maps, and different kinds of spatial patterns and relationships portrayed in maps. ● Identify different methods of geographic data collection. ● Explain the geographical effects of decisions made using geographical information. ● Define major geographic concepts that illustrate spatial relationships. ● Explain how major geographic concepts illustrate spatial relationships. ● Define scales of analysis used by geographers. ● Explain what scales of analysis reveal. ● Describe different ways that geographers define regions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why do geographers study relationships and patterns among and between places? ● How do geographers use maps to help them discover patterns and relationships in the world? ● How do geographers use a spatial perspective to analyze complex issues and relationships? |
| 8-10 | Unit 2: Population and Migration Patterns and Processes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify the factors that influence the distribution of human populations at different scales. ● Define methods geographers use to calculate population density ● Explain the differences between | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How does where and how people live impact global cultural, political, and economic patterns? ● How does the interplay of environmental, economic, cultural, and political factors |

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| | | <p>and the impact of methods used to calculate population density.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how population distribution and density affect society and the environment.● Describe elements of population composition used by geographers.● Explain ways that geographers depict and analyze population composition.● Explain factors that account for contemporary and historical trends in population growth and decline.● Explain theories of population growth and decline.● Explain the intent and effects of various population and immigration policies on population size and composition.● Explain how the changing role of females has demographic consequences in different parts of the world.● Explain the causes and consequences of an aging population.● Explain how different causal factors encourage migration.● Describe types of forced and voluntary migration.● Explain historical and contemporary geographic effects of migration. | <p>influence changes in population?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How do changes in population affect a place's economy, culture, and politics? |
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| <p>8-10</p> | <p>Unit 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Define the characteristics, attitudes, and traits that influence geographers when they study culture.● Describe the characteristics of cultural landscapes.● Explain how landscape features and land and resource use reflect cultural beliefs and identities.● Explain patterns and landscapes of language, religion, ethnicity, and gender.● Define the types of diffusion.● Explain how historical processes impact current cultural patterns.● Explain how historical processes impact current cultural patterns.● Explain what factors lead to the diffusion of universalizing and ethnic religions.● Explain how the process of diffusion results in changes to the cultural landscape. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How does where people live and what resources they have access to impact their cultural practices?● How does the interaction of people contribute to the spread of cultural practices?● How and why do cultural ideas, practices, and innovations change or disappear over time? |
| <p>8-10</p> | <p>Unit 4: Political Patterns and Processes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● For world political maps: a. Define the different types of political entities. b. Identify a contemporary example of political entities.● Explain the processes that have shaped contemporary political geography● Describe the concepts of political power and territoriality as used by geographers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How do historical and current events influence political structures around the world?● How are balances of power reflected in political boundaries and government power structures?● How can political, economic, cultural, or technological changes challenge state sovereignty? |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Define types of political boundaries used by geographers. ● Explain the nature and function of international and internal boundaries. ● Explain the nature and function of international and internal boundaries. ● Define federal and unitary states. ● Explain how federal and unitary states affect spatial organization. ● Define factors that lead to the devolution of states. ● Explain how political, economic, cultural, and technological changes challenge state sovereignty ● Explain how the concepts of centrifugal and centripetal forces apply at the state scale. | |
| <p>8-10</p> | <p>Unit 5: Agriculture and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Process</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the connection between physical geography and agricultural practices. ● Identify different rural settlement patterns and methods of surveying rural settlements. ● Identify major centers of domestication of plants and animals. ● Explain how plants and animals diffused globally ● Explain the advances and impacts of the second agricultural revolution. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do a people’s culture and the resources available to them influence how they grow food? ● How does what people produce and consume vary in different locations? ● What kind of cultural changes and technological advances have impacted the way people grow and consume food? |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the consequences of the Green Revolution on food supply and the environment in the developing world. ● Explain how economic forces influence agricultural practices. ● Explain how economic forces influence agricultural practices. ● Describe how the von Thünen model is used to explain patterns of agricultural production at various scales. ● Explain the interdependence among regions of agricultural production and consumption. ● Explain how agricultural practices have environmental and societal consequences. ● Explain challenges and debates related to the changing nature of contemporary agriculture and food-production practices. ● Explain geographic variations in female roles in food production and consumption | |
| <p>8-10</p> | <p>Unit 6: Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the processes that initiate and drive urbanization and suburbanization. ● Explain how cities embody processes of globalization. ● Identify the different urban concepts such as hierarchy, interdependence, relative size, and spacing that are useful for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do physical geography and resources impact the presence and growth of cities? ● How are the attitudes, values, and balance of power of a population reflected in the built landscape? ● How are urban areas affected by unique economic, political, cultural, and environmental |

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| | | <p>explaining the distribution, size, and interaction of cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the internal structure of cities using various models and theories. ● Explain how low-, medium-, and high-density housing characteristics represent different patterns of residential land use. ● Explain how a city’s infrastructure relates to local politics, society, and the environment. ● Identify the different urban design initiatives and practices. ● Explain the effects of different urban design initiatives and practices. ● Explain how qualitative and quantitative data are used to show the causes and effects of geographic change within urban areas. ● Explain causes and effects of geographic change within urban areas. ● Describe the effectiveness of different attempts to address urban sustainability challenges. | <p>challenges?</p> |
| <p>8-10</p> | <p>Unit 7: Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how the Industrial Revolution facilitated the growth and diffusion of industrialization. ● Explain the spatial patterns of industrial production and development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why does economic and social development happen at different times and rates in different places? ● How might environmental problems stemming from |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Describe social and economic measures of development.● Explain how and to what extent changes in economic development have contributed to gender parity.● Explain different theories of economic and social development.● Explain causes and geographic consequences of recent economic changes such as the increase in international trade, deindustrialization, and growing interdependence in the world economy.● Explain causes and geographic consequences of recent economic changes such as the increase in international trade, deindustrialization, and growing interdependence in the world economy.● Explain how sustainability principles relate to and impact industrialization and spatial development. | <p>industrialization be remedied through sustainable development strategies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Why has industrialization helped improve standards of living while also contributing to geographically uneven development? |
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