

AP Human Geography
Summer Assignment
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Dear students,

I am looking forward to working with you this upcoming school year! I think you will find AP Human Geography to be one of the most relevant and applicable courses in your high school career. We will be diving in to multiple topics that effect the way humans interact with each other and the environment. Though not a traditional geography course (i.e. memorize all countries), your awareness of the world around you and location of certain things will help you be successful in this course. Please complete the following over the summer and have everything ready the FIRST DAY of School. I'll see you in August!

1. Download and review the [AP Human Geography Course description](#). Pay particular attention to the skills, objectives, course content pages and the themes. We will discuss these when we return.
2. One skill you will have to master to be successful in Human Geography is the ability to properly read and decipher graphs, charts, and maps. Read [A Guide to Reading Charts](#) and write a reflection on a Google Doc that answers the following questions.
 - a. What are some ways that people can use data to lie to you?
 - b. When looking at a chart, graph, or map, what are the first things you should be looking at in order to understand what it saying?
 - c. What is *Scale* and how might it affect what we see in data?
3. Reflection: Read the following two articles and write paragraph (same Google Doc as above) that answers the following essential question. You may want to do some outside research as well, but please note the sources after your paragraph. Where possible, use short quotes or evidence from the articles to support your assertions. [Environmentalism](#), [Conflict and Resources](#)

Essential Question: In what way has the allocation of natural resources affected world history, and how will it continue to affect our future?

You may want to look into the shift of political power over the past 30+ years as well as where technology is taking us in the future (and which natural resources will be essential).

Please have these assignments completed for the first day of school and you will be given a formative assessment grade. I want to see your writing and critical thinking ability, so please put some time into these assignments. If you have any questions, send me an email smithea@asf.edu.mx.

Best,
Dr. Smith