AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

WELCOME to the most exciting course in the Social Studies Department! (hopefully!)



AP Human Geography (APHuG) is not a typical history or geography class. We will use case study examples from real-world historical and contemporary issues to learn about how humans shape and are shaped by their environments. Every class day will be different with new issues, concepts, and activities, so you will always be learning new and exciting things! Units of study include population & migration, cultural patterns, political organization, agriculture & land use, economic development, and urbanization. It's my goal to make this class not only fun, but the most useful and relevant class at Bolles for understanding how and why the world is the way it is.

The class is an AP class, which means we will have complex concepts and a thorough amount of content to learn to prepare for the exam in May. Time management will be a major challenge of the course and a little summer work will help us balance out the workload during the semester. The summer work also takes advantage of the fact that many of you will travel or have valuable experiences in diverse places around the world and in our local communities. The fieldwork will give our first taste into thinking about how geography will help us research, communicate, and solve major issues in the world.

You have three assignments to complete this summer:

- 1. Get the **textbook**:
 - Bednarz, Sarah, Mark Bockenhauer, and Frederik Hiebert. Human Geography: A Spatial Perspective. Boston, MA: National Geographic/Cengage Learning, 2020. ISBN: 9780357119082
- 2. Create a **Summer Selfie Poster** based on a place you visit this summer. See directions in Part I! Counts as a Project grade for Unit 1.
- 3. Create and study a personalized **World Atlas** (listed in Part II below). Make sure you can locate the places indicated below for a map quiz week 1 of school.

Part I: Summer Selfie Poster Project

Fieldwork for Geographic Awareness

Find a place in either the region you live and/or **ANYWHERE YOU FIND YOURSELF** this summer. You may do this with other students (or of course with a parent or family member), but your "story" must be written by you alone. **Be safe and don't trespass!**

CHOOSE A LOCATION from those provided OR anything/place you find interesting while traveling this summer.

- Visit them and record your observations there.
- While there take a selfie and any additional pictures that will help show the surrounding landscape.
- <u>Optional</u>: Read textbook Lesson 2.1 Thinking Like a Geographer: The Geo-Inquiry Process
- **Create a Summer Selfie poster** using the steps outlined below (and in the textbook).

Summary of the poster requirements:

- Create a poster (physical or digital if digital, print it out) that walks our class through the story of your place and includes the following information somewhere on it:
 - A. Attach your summer selfie photo(s). [3 points]
 - B. Attach a self-created map of your place (See VISUALIZE description below map could be a reference or thematic map). [6 points]
 - C. Describe the *sense of place* ("the feelings people form towards a location") you have about your chosen location. [3 points]
 - D. Describe the *cultural landscape* ("elements within the physical landscape caused by human activities and imprints") visible in your photo(s). [3 points]
 - E. Explain the "why of where" explain 3 natural and human forces that played a role in locating it there.
 [9 points For maximum credit browse through the glossary of your textbook and use 3 terms/concepts we will cover in the class to help explain the why of where for your place]
 - F. Explain how your place is connected to other places. [3 points]
 - G. Explain what action(s) should be taken based on your findings. [3 points]
- Total Points: 30
- Worth ½ test grade on 1st Interim.

Submission of Summer Selfie Poster: Bring the poster (hand-made or printed out) the first week of school to hang in the classroom.

Suggested places to take your selfie: see list below

HERE are some suggested LOCATIONS. Go to these places, but of course, don't trespass to do so, and BE SAFE!

- 1. An interior of any government building
- 2. Acres of land that are in the process of becoming a residential development
- 3. Acres of land that are in the process of becoming a highway or road
- 4. Acres of land that are in the process of becoming a commercial development
- 5. A warehouse (not retail building) with multiple trucks outside
- 6. A tower (cell phone, fire tower, or water tower)
- 7. A storm-water retention pond or wastewater treatment facility
- 8. A scene with modern farm equipment (and research/name the equipment)
- 9. A retail shopping area
- 10. A power station or substation
- 11. A port with cranes, barges, and shipping containers
- 12. A place with other (documented) historical significance
- 13. A place that has (documented, historical) evidence of Native American presence
- 14. A one-of-a kind locally owned (not corporate-owned or franchise) restaurant
- 15. A non-Christian house of worship
- 16. A neighborhood that you deem to be very different from yours
- 17. A landfill
- 18. A hydroelectric dam
- 19. A flowing creek, stream, or river
- 20. A farmer's market
- 21. An ethnic grocery store
- 22. A farm with animals other than cows
- 23. A county or state or country boundary
- 24. A cemetery
- 25. A bus or train station
- 26. A building or structure that you believe will be gone in 10 years (and explain why it will be)
- 27. A 100+ year-old house
- 28. A (non-retail) building where manufacturing of something takes place (aka...a factory)
- 29. (Add your own based on interesting and/or unusual places you visit this summer.)

Geo-Inquiry Summer Selfie Poster process description:

THE GEO-INQUIRY PROCESS

The Geo-Inquiry Process is a five-step method, summarized here. As you read this chapter, you will find tips on carrying out each step.

- ASK In the first step of the process, you explore an issue or problem through a geographic lens that addresses the three basic questions you're already familiar with: Where? Why there? Why care? As you explore the problem or issue further, you reach a more complex understanding of the issue that will help narrow your focus into an overarching Geo-Inquiry question. This question will drive your project.
- COLLECT In the second step, you collect the data you need to answer the question. You might collect this data through interviews and field work, by contacting experts or organizations, or other forms of research.
- VISUALIZE Once you've collected your data, you will have a large amount of information that you need to organize. Visual representation is critical. Data can be displayed in maps or through other visuals. Visuals can make complex information easier to understand and better reveal connections and patterns.
- CREATE In this step, you create a Geo-Inquiry story that answers your Geo-Inquiry question. This step walks people through the issue. The way you choose to create and communicate your story should be well matched to your audience.
- ACT This final step includes sharing your Geo-Inquiry story with decision-makers to inspire them to take action. Ask yourself: What action should be taken based on the findings?



Part II: World Atlas

Part of entering an AP class is an assumption of a certain level of background knowledge and skills. Review the lists below and label each item on the appropriate map (found at the end of the packet). You will take a test over this information during the first two weeks of school in August. Maps are DUE on the second day of class in August. Points will be deducted if late.

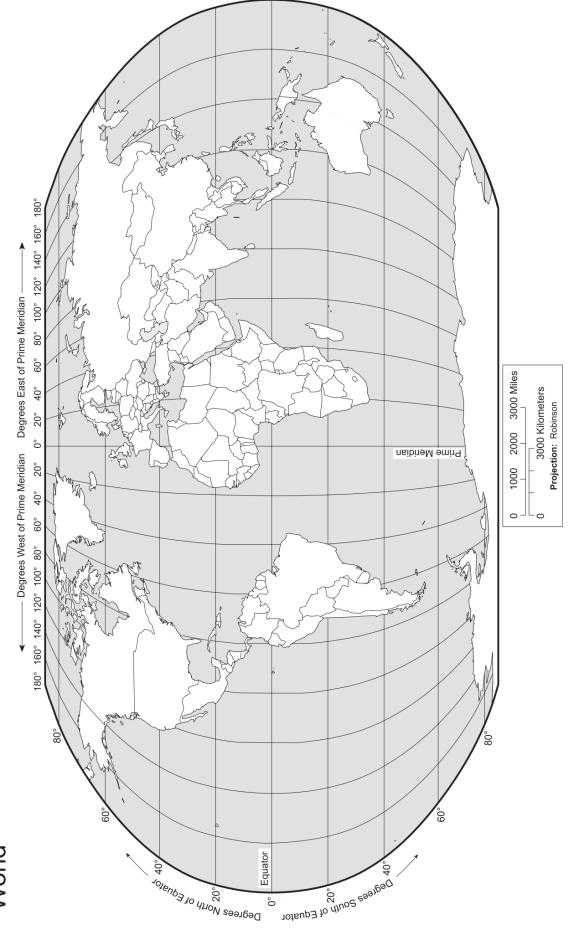
SKILLS: Basic map and atlas skills

- Using an atlas to locate information (index or table of contents)
- □ Reading and interpreting a map
- □ Using latitude and longitude to locate and find places

TASK: <u>Be able to locate the following places on a map for the quiz</u> – label and color (as appropriate) the following on the maps provided (found at the end of this packet). Be sure to use symbols/abbreviations if needed and make a key.

General Stuff (map 1)		Major Bodies of Water (map 1)			
	5 Oceans		EACH of the Great Lakes		
	7 Continents		Mediterranean Sea		
	Equator (pre-labeled)		Black Sea		
	Tropic of Cancer		Caspian Sea		
	Tropic of Capricorn		Red Sea		
	Prime Meridian (pre-		Arabian Sea		
	labeled)		South China Sea		
	Your Top 3 Favorite Places		Caribbean Sea		
	you've visited worldwide		Gulf of Mexico		
	Place where your Summer		Lake Chad		
	Selfie photo was taken		Aral Sea		
** be sure to make a key if needed		** be su	re to make a key if needed		
Africa (map 2)		Southwest Asia (map 3)		Asia (m	ap 4)
Countries		Countries		Countries	
	Côte D'Ivoire		Afghanistan		India
	Dem. Republic of Congo		Iran		Indonesia
	Egypt		Iraq		Japan
	Ethiopia		Israel		Pakistan
	Nigeria		Saudi Arabia		People's Republic of China
	Rwanda		Syria		Philippines
	Somalia		Turkey		Rep. of China/Taiwan
	South Africa		United Arab Emirates		Singapore
	South Sudan		West Bank & Gaza Strip		South Korea
	Sudan	Cities			Vietnam
Cities			Baghdad	Cities	
	Cairo		Mecca		Beijing
	Lagos		Jerusalem		Tokyo
		Physical			Delhi
	Sahara Desert		Bosporus		Hong Kong
	Sahel		Dardanelles	Physical	
	Nile		Strait of Hormuz		Siberia
	Congo		Caucasus Mts.		Ural Mts.
	Suez Canal		Euphrates		Himalayas
			Tigris		Yangtze River
** be sure to make a key if needed					Ganges River
			re to make a key if needed	1	Strait of Malacca

Europe (map 5)		Latin A	merica (map 6)	North A	North America: US and Canada	
				(map 7))	
Countri	Countries		ies			
	Belgium		Argentina	Countr	ies	
	Bosnia		Brazil		Canada	
	Czech Republic		Venezuela		United States	
	Finland		Chile	Cities		
	France		Colombia		Chicago	
	Germany		Costa Rica		New York City	
	Greece		Cuba		Los Angeles	
	Italy		Ecuador		Houston	
	Norway		Guatemala		San Francisco	
	Poland		Haiti		Jacksonville	
	Rep. of Ireland		Mexico	Misc. R	egions: shade and label each	
	Russia		Panama	region		
	Spain	Cities			Cornbelt	
	Sweden		Sao Paulo		Bible Belt	
	Switzerland		Brasilia		Sunbelt	
	Ukraine		Mexico City	Physical		
	United Kingdom	Physical			Rockies	
Cities			Andes Mts.		Appalachians	
	Moscow		Amazon		Mississippi River	
	Paris		Panama Canal		Rio Grande	
	London				Colorado River	
	Berlin	** be sure to make a key if needed			Great Salt Lake	
	Belfast					
Physical				** be sure to make a key if needed		
	Alps				-	
	Rhine					
	Strait of Gibraltar					
	English Channel					
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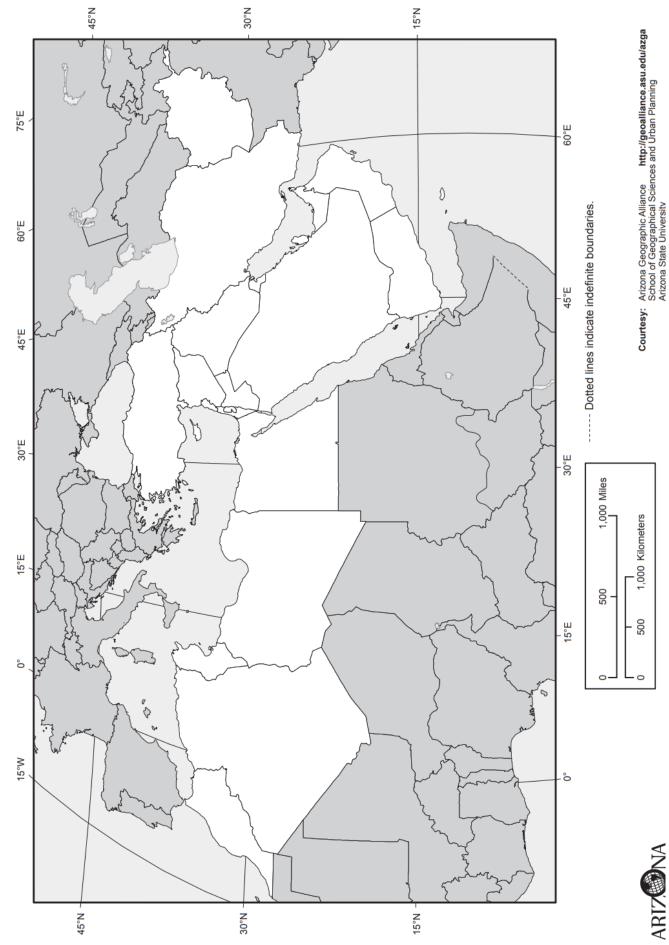


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