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**Google Classroom Code: wduza2n**

Welcome to AP Human Geography! You have chosen to take a college-level course. In AP Human Geography, you will strive to understand the role people play in making places, see the geographic context in which significant issues occur, think critically about the world, and appreciate the complexities of globalization. You will make connections with the world around you and learn to think spatially when seeking to answer some of the most meaningful questions facing the world today. To understand all of this, you must have a strong knowledge of what's happening in the world around you!

This course will be rigorous but highly rewarding if you put in the appropriate amount of work. Over the summer, you will be completing assignments that will make it possible for us to cover all of our material prior to the AP exam in May, so it is essential that you complete these tasks. Summer assignments will be due on the first day of class in August and will be taken for a grade.

Note: You will be required to purchase a copy of the AMSCO AP Human Geography Book and the iScore5 app for Human Geography prior to the start of school. We will be reading and completing work from this book all year, so it is very important that you have your own copy.

AMSCO Notes: You will be required to take notes on each unit. You will start with Unit 1, which is due on the first day of class.

### **AMSCO Notes How To:**

- You will be assigned notes from your AMSCO textbook throughout the year. These will make up the majority of your homework. How To:
  - Write down and use the headings from the book in your notes
    - Example: Introduction to Maps
      - Maps
      - Reference Maps
      - Thematic Maps
  - Indent, use bullets/symbols, etc. to denote important subtopics
    - Feel free to use shorthand- these are YOUR notes, so make sure YOU can understand them!
  - Underline key vocabulary
    - These terms are already listed in bold in your textbook
  - If it's in bold, it should be in your notes!
    - We will have vocabulary quizzes for each unit from the textbook.

- Your notes should be thorough enough for you to comprehend the key points of the section (there is an example set of notes on Google Classroom that will help you understand the note's expectation).
- five themes run through this course. You should identify the themes using colors to underline/highlight topics relevant to each theme. You do not need to underline/highlight everything; just use the heading focusing on a particular theme. Do this once you are done taking your notes and make a note of which color goes with which theme.
  - o Location - Where we are: Absolute and Relative Location
  - o Place - What is it like there? What kind of place is it? Describe place in terms of both physical and human characteristics
  - o Region - Areas that share some common characteristics: Formal and Functional Regions
  - o Movement - How people, goods, and ideas are moved from place to place
  - o Human - Environment Interaction - How humans and the environment have Affected each other.
    - The way we depend on it
    - The way we modify it
    - The way we adapt to it

Also, go to <https://www.seterra.com/> and practice the maps listed in your Google Classroom stream. We will have quizzes on the maps during the first two weeks of school.

***I can't wait to meet you in August!!! Have an awesome summer!!!***