

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2024-2025

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You are about to take a course that will drastically broaden the way that you see and understand the world around you. You will begin to see the geographic causes of the major events that take place in our society. You will begin to see geographic connections between what takes place in your life and what takes place thousands of miles away. You will also begin to better understand the geographic context in which your actions take place, and in doing so, have a better understanding of the world as a whole. First, however, you must understand what human geography means.

This course is not about memorizing terms, though that will be part of it. It is not about identifying places on a map, though that will also be part of it. Rather, it is about making logical connections and critically thinking about how issues related to geography influence human behavior - what we eat, where we live, why we fight, and how we can improve society. You will cover issues ranging from agriculture, urban design, population movements, international relations, business and economics, the spread of cultural trends, and more. It will make you, therefore, a more informed and thoughtful citizen.

Here are the units for the year – hopefully they give a better idea of what will be coming your way. Each explains how geography influences some fundamental ideas:

Unit 1: Thinking Geographically

Unit 2: Population and Migration

Unit 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes

Unit 4: Political Patterns and Processes

Unit 5: Agricultural Patterns and Processes

Unit 6: Cities Patterns and Processes

Unit 7: Industrial and Economic Development

The following graphic organizers are a quick way of learning about the concepts and tools used by a Geographer.

All the answers are located in the Mr. Sinn videos.

Each Mr. Sinn video corresponds with a graphic organizer.

[Click here for videos](#)

[Click here for the graphic organizer](#)

You must print out the graphic organizers

It will be collected the first week of school and going forward it can be used as a reference sheet throughout the year.

Geography: the study of where things are found on Earth's surface and the reasons for their locations.

Human Geography: asks two simple questions.....

1. Where are people and activities found on earth?
2. Why are they found there?

An example of thinking geographically

- A prehistoric human - crossed a river or climbed a hill, observed what was on the other side. He returned home to tell his fellow villagers about what he saw. He then scratched out the route in the dirt. (a map).
- The second geographer followed that dirt map and reached the other side.

The first question we need to ask..... How do Geographers describe where things are?

Assignment 2: Country Challenge Presentation

For the second mandatory assignment, you must choose a country that is currently facing some sort of significant challenge. This challenge could be social, demographic, economic, environmental, or political. For your country, you must **create a 5-minute digital presentation** (Google Slides) that is intended to persuade donors to provide funding for a solution to that problem, or an organization that is working to address that problem. In your presentation, you must:

- a. Identify and explain the nature of the challenge your country is facing.
- b. Find one current event article released over the summer about the challenge. You must summarize the main message of the article.
- c. Identify a current solution that is being proposed or suggested in response to this challenge.
- d. Persuade listeners that your challenge is significant enough and your solution/organization worthy enough to receive funding.
- e. Use effective visual elements (such as pictures, charts, very short video clips (under 30 seconds, etc.) that accentuate your argument.

This must be ready when we return to school. You will be participating in a mock conference to generate funding for your solution/organization one day the first week back to school. To ensure that we have little overlap, you **must choose a country that begins with the first letter of your last name!**

If you have any questions, feel free to email me over the summer.