

AP Human Geography

Do you know why Africa is 14 times larger than Greenland but looks so much smaller on a map?

Do you know why 106 baby boys are born on average for every 100 baby girls?

Do you know why most antibiotics in the US are given to farm animals, not to humans?

Successful AP Human Geography students:

- ✓ willing to do work outside of class, come prepared daily, ready to discuss with peers
- ✓ have time management and organization skills so that they are able to break long term assignments into smaller chunks
- ✓ are rarely a distraction in class and understand the value of appropriate behavior in the classroom
- ✓ enjoy travel and current events
- ✓ read at or above grade level - Students are expected to read outside of class and come to class with questions and ideas about the reading. There is very little lecture.
- ✓ are rarely absent or tardy
- ✓ ready to work in a team environment



Evaluate yourself on each of these on a scale of 1-5. If you score less than a 3 on more than 2 of them, you need to reconsider taking this course. Come talk to Mrs. S or with one of your 8th grade teachers

What is the summer assignment for this course?

- **TODAY** - Take the survey at [this link](#)
- Read [our first chapter of reading on the topic of Culture](#) that we will discuss in August - you should:
 - create structured CORNELL notes, looking for main ideas. ([Look here](#) for Cornell note structure) - read through the website and the videos
 - During the school year, you will have approximately one week for each chapter - You should try to do this with this chapter on culture and see if the reading is too complex for you.
 - Bring your completed notes the first day of class and **be prepared to take a reading quiz** (you will be allowed to use the notes you created - open note reading quizzes all year)
- If you would like to preview the course, take a look at the [College Board quick course description](#). (There are some sample questions on the second page)

Why should you take AP HuG?

- ☆ You learn about intriguing topics such as immigration, ethnicity, why economic conditions are vastly different around the world, the implications of climate change, and elements of popular and folk culture. AP HuG is a true social studies course.... But on a DEEPER level.
- ☆ It teaches you skills you'll need in college, such as note taking, time management, and how to learn independently.
- ☆ You can earn college credit if you score high enough on the AP exam.
- ☆ It **prepares you for additional advanced courses** and can help you stand out in college admissions.

Who should consider taking the regular Geography course instead of AP HuG?

- ☆ students only taking an AP course for the grade and boost in overall GPA

What do we do in AP HuG?

- Study population and migration statistics; culture; economic geography; and political geography.
- Homework consists of reading and note taking (notes may be used on reading quizzes); map assignments; and short projects
- Successful students spend a minimum of 3-4 hours a week on AP HuG assignments and understand that until the assigned reading is done, you should be telling mom that yes, you have homework!
- In class, we do short activities like the March Madness of Human Development, have small group discussions, and watch and discuss short videos. There is very little lecture. Students are expected to read outside of class and come to class with questions and ideas about the reading. *When the year gets started, we move quickly and will enjoy the topics, activities, and events of the year.*

PLEASE EMAIL ME AT ANY TIME IN THE SUMMER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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