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Dear AP Human Geography student,

Welcome to AP Human Geography, one of the most interesting and relevant courses you will take at BSM--according to past geo students anyway)! You will use the knowledge you learn in this class in future general and AP classes. You will also look at the world around you in different ways.

Your summer assignment includes the following three parts.

Summer Assignment, Quick Glance
(see text below for details).

1. History Videos & notes (4 videos total, 2 ½ hours)
2. Intro to Human Geography: Case Study on India: reading & notes
3. Map Test on the United States & on AP Regions.

1. **Obtaining some historical background**. Geographers ask three primary questions: Where is it located, why is it located there, and why is it important? Often the "why" relates to history. So, to help with our study of geography, part of your summer assignment will be reviewing major historical events that relate to our study of geography.

   There will be around 2 hours of video clips to watch. You will want to take notes on the key characteristics of the event: what happened, why it happened, and why it was significant (i.e. what changed because of the event). Please note the what and significance often have more than one reason. Use this note taking guide to assist you.

   The videos should be accessed using Edpuzzle (www.edpuzzle.com). Please let me know if you have any issues accessing these; I am happy to help and will be checking my email throughout the summer. Use this link or this class code (demaenz) to join Edpuzzle & watch these videos.

   Watch the videos in this order:
   - World History overview
   - History of the World Age of Industry (both parts)
   - Africa: States of Independence

2. **Intro reading and handwritten notes. Use THIS LINK FOR THE READING.**

   Take handwritten notes on the reading (see link for note-taking tips and a couple of examples from the reading so you can check your notes (examples)

   The readings assigned for summer are typical of what we will read over 1 ½ weeks. *Do not just search for the definitions …read the textbook*. You will need to learn to read and absorb

information from your textbook to do well in this class. Be sure to include details and examples in your notes. Include both general geography information and information about India in your notes. Don't forget to read the picture captions and take notes on that information as well.

3. **Map Work:** Geographers look at the world spatially—they look and discuss the distribution of phenomena (i.e. birth rates) across the world and look for patterns.

   In order to analyze and discuss these patterns, it is important you know the basics of where countries and US states are located in the world. Thus, by the end of the year, you will know where the majority of countries are located in the world, and where all 50 states are located. To start us off, you will need to memorize the 50 U.S. states over the summer as well as the AP Human Geography world regions.

   - Go to https://lizardpoint.com/geography/usa-quiz.php to use an online quiz program to test yourself.
   - Memorize the AP Human Geography World Regions maps—both "a big picture view" and "a closer look." See page 3.
   - Memorize the following oceans, significant lines of latitude & longitude, and continents:

     OCEANS: Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Southern

     SIGNIFICANT LINES OF LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Prime Meridian, Equator, International Date Line, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle

     CONTINENTS: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America

4. OPTIONAL Documentary on China & One Pager Assignment--summative grade. Step 4 is not required, but encouraged if you have time. This documentary will give you background knowledge about China, another country we will study a lot this year.

The summer assignment is due on the first day of school. We will also have an open notes test on the first week of school on this material AND a closed notes map/regions test.

Should you not have access to a computer this summer, please stop by the front office for a paper copy of this assignment.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me. I will be checking email periodically throughout the summer.

Once again, welcome to AP Human Geography!

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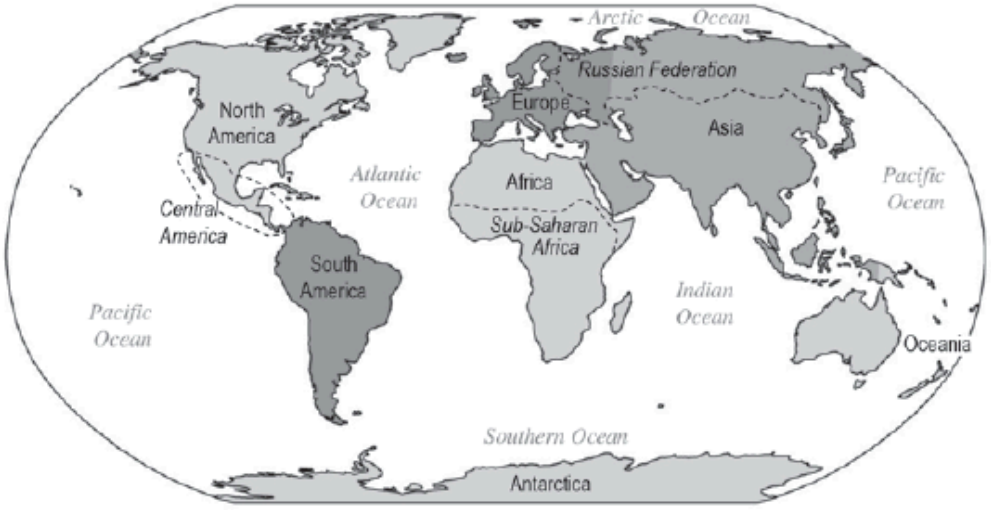
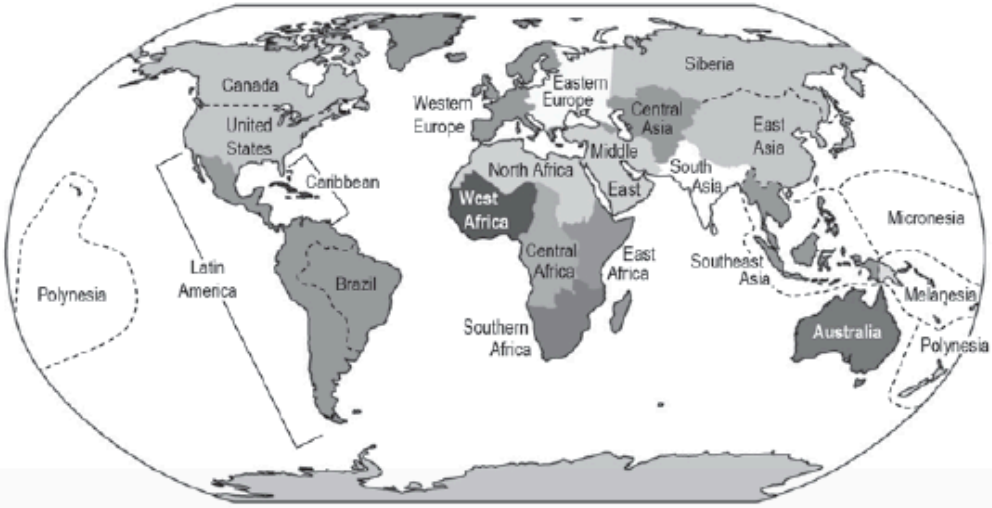
AP Human Geography: World Regions — A Big Picture View



AP Human Geography: World Regions — A Closer Look