

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2026

Directions

Human Geography is not merely the study of where places are. It is the study of globalization, population, migration, culture, political borders, development, urbanization, agriculture, and so much more! The purpose of this summer assignment is to introduce you to the writing and analysis skills you will be using in APHG. We're looking to assess your writing abilities and determine how we can best help you be successful this year.

- **Assignments** - You will complete **ALL THREE** assignments in this document. The assignments include different sources: articles, websites, maps, and videos. Read, listen, and view each source in order to proceed with assignments.
 - **Format for Assignment #1 - Handwrite** a definition for each term provided. Give an example of the term. You may either draw a picture or write out an example. You may put the words on index cards or notebook paper.
 - **Format for Assignment #2** - Please answer the Free Response Question for Assignment 2 with a well-developed answer (complete sentences, well thought out, and in your own words). You should have a heading for the response - "Assignment #2 Question". Your response should be **HANDWRITTEN - BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN** - not typed or with pencil. Keep in mind the meaning for the following words as you answer the question:
 - **Define** - Give a statement of the exact meaning of the word.
 - **Identify** - Provide information about a specified topic, without elaboration or explanation
 - **Explain** - Provide a brief reason of who/what/where/when/why/how people/places/ situations are/is/were/will be affected.
 - **Describe** - write the characteristics of what is being asked.
 - **Format for Assignment #3** - You may print out the maps we **provide**, or print your own, but the labeling should be done **BY HAND (no pencil)** - no typed labels, hand colored.
- **Portfolio** - Once you are done, you should put all **three** parts together in a 3-prong folder or small binder. Make sure your name is clearly visible on the front.
- **Time Management** - It is highly recommended that you break this assignment into smaller pieces and work on it over time. Time management is a very important skill to learn and utilize and it will be crucial for your success in class!
- **Academic Honesty** - It is an expectation that you turn in work that was completed by you and not someone else. All answers must be written **in your own words**. Failure to be academically honest will result in no credit earned for the summer assignment.

Due Date - This assignment is due **THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, AUGUST 5, 2026**

This will count as a major project grade. **Questions?** If you have any questions this summer as you are working on the assignment, you are welcome to email us at Andy.Pasarilla@gcpsk12.org or Amy.Wildey@gcpsk12.org

Assignment #1: Unit 1 Vocabulary

Directions:

1. ***Handwrite*** a definition for each term in the chart below.
2. Give an example of the term. You may either draw a picture or write out an example.
3. ***Within the first few weeks of school, you will be tested over these terms.***

You may put the words on index cards or a sheet of notebook paper. If you choose to put them on index cards, place them in a ziploc bag and put it in your Summer Assignment folder or binder.

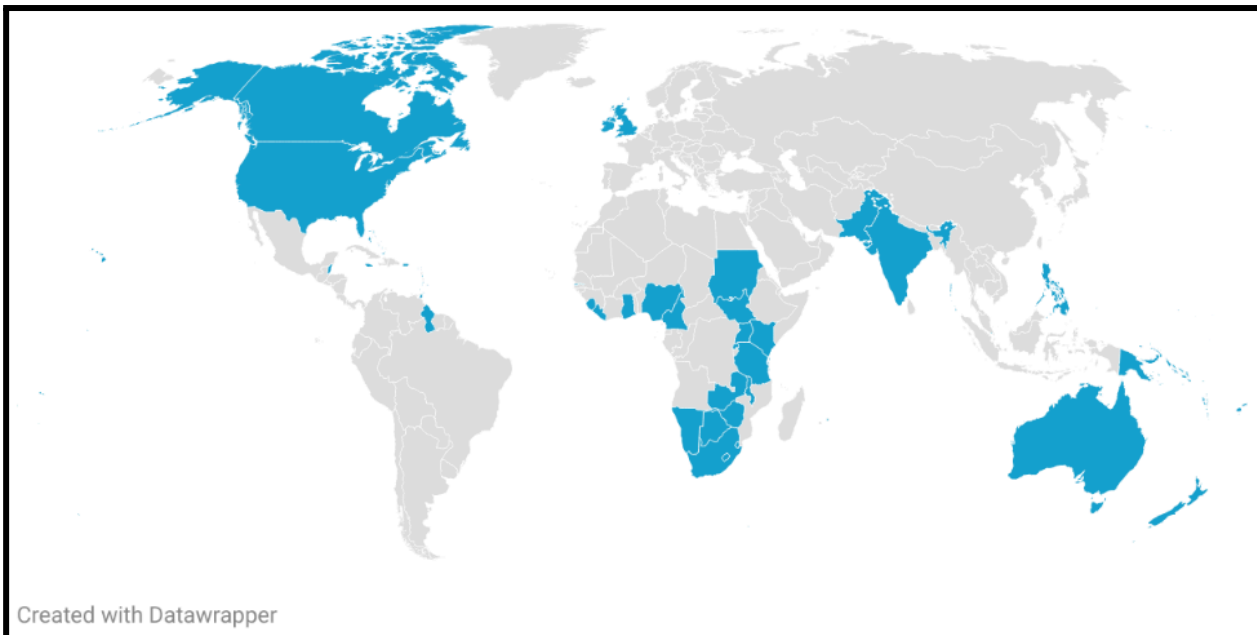
Absolute Direction	Absolute Distance	Absolute Location	Acculturation	Assimilation	Cartogram
Cartography	Choropleth Map	Clustering	Contagious Diffusion	Culture	Cultural Ecology
Cultural landscape	Density	Diffusion	Dispersal	Distance Decay	Distribution
Dot Distribution Map	Ecology	Environmental Determinism	Expansion Diffusion	Formal / Uniform Region	Functional / Nodal Region
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Global Positioning System (GPS)	Globalization	Graduated Symbol Map	Hearth	Hierarchical Diffusion
Isoline Map	Latitude	Location	Longitude	Map Scale	Mental Map
Meridian	Parallel	Pattern	Place	Possibilism	Projection
Reference Map	Relative Direction	Relative Distance	Relative Location	Region	Relocation Diffusion
Remote sensing	Scale	Scale of Analysis	Site	Situation	Space-Time Compression
Spatial Perspective	Stimulus Diffusion	Sustainability	Syncretism	Thematic Map	Vernacular / Perceptual Region

Assignment #2: The Human Geography of Culture

Reading comprehension and analysis of information are vital skills necessary in the study of APHG. This assignment is about reading an article about lingua francas, while also applying that article when analyzing specific data from a map.

Link to Article: [What is a lingua franca and how does it improve communication?](#)

Assignment #2 Question: Answer the following Free Response Question based on the data from the article and the map below. Handwrite your answers in blue or black ink pen. Use complete sentences in your own words. Label your answers to each part (A, B, C, & D). Parts A & B can be just a sentence or two each in length. Parts C & D need to be at least a full paragraph each in length.



The map above shows a group of countries in which a particular language is widely used. The distribution of this language reflects historical processes that have shaped cultural patterns at both regional and global scales. In some areas, the language is dominant, while in others it is used alongside many local languages.

- A. Define the term *lingua franca*. [2 pts]
- B. Identify the language used in the shaded countries on the map. [2 pts]
- C. Describe ONE historical process that contributed to the global diffusion of the language identified in part B. [6 pts]
- D. Explain TWO distinct impacts that the worldwide use of lingua francas can have on regional and native languages. [8 pts]

Assignment #3: The Human Geography of Maps

There's no getting around it - we need to identify where major countries and physical features are located in the world. While you learned the locations of major political and physical features in middle school, these locations are referenced in APHG from the beginning of the course.

You must create (**hand colored and labeled - no typing or painting tools**) a collection of maps (6) to illustrate regions of the world. Each regional map should include all of the following:

- Labeled Political and Physical Features (see below)
- Maps should be colored and neat. Be creative!

Print the maps [here](#) before you color and label by hand. Maps should be presented on 8.5 x 11 paper—one regional map per page.

Map #	Region of the World / Political Features to Label	Physical Features to Label
1	Southwest Asia (label all countries)	Tigris River, Euphrates River, Arabian Sea, Black Sea, Red Sea, Caspian Sea, Fertile Crescent, Zagros Mountains, Plateau of Iran, Persian Gulf
2	Europe (label all countries)	Alps, Ural Mtns, Pyrenees Mtns, Apennine Mtns, Pindus Mtns, Carpathian Mtns, Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Black Sea, Baltic Sea, North Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean
3	East and Southeast Asia (label all countries)	Yangtze River, Huang He (Yellow) River, Xi River, Mekong River, Tibetan Plateau, South China Sea, Pacific Ocean, Gobi Desert
4	Africa (label all countries)	Nile River, Sahara Desert, Orange River, Mediterranean Sea, Zambezi River, Red Sea, Sinai Peninsula, Lake Victoria, Sahel, Kalahari Desert, Atlas Mountains, Congo River, Ethiopian Highlands, Namib Desert, Mt. Kilimanjaro
5	Latin America (label all countries)	Amazon River, Rio Grande, Yucatan Peninsula, Sierra Madres Mtns, Andes Mtns, Gulf of Mexico, The Pampas, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Isthmus of Panama
6	South Asia (label all countries)	Ganges River, Indus River, Himalayas, Indo-Gangetic Plain, Indian Ocean, Hindu Kush, Deccan Plateau, Bay of Bengal

Assignment Elements	Points Earned (/Pts. Possible)	Comments
Assignment #1 - Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand-written (ink only) • Clear, complete definition Example (written or drawn) 	/30	
Assignment #2 - FRQ - Culture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand-written (ink only) • Complete sentences • Connection made with article and map 	/18	
Assignment #3 - Maps		Each map should be your original work, colored on 8.5 x 11 paper and must include correct labeling
Map #1: "Southwest Asia"	/8	
Map #2: Europe	/8	
Map #3: "East / S.East Asia"	/8	
Map #4: "Africa"	/8	
Map #5: "Latin America"	/8	
Map #6: "South Asia"	/8	
Neat, bound in 3-prong folder or binder, legible; <u>no pencil</u>	/4	
TOTAL:	/100	