AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 2026-27

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Welcome to AP Human Geography. You have chosen to take one of the most challenging courses offered in the social sciences. This class is taught at a college level and will require responsibility, discipline, and consistent effort.

Throughout the year, we will study patterns, relationships, and processes that explain human activity across the Earth. In order to be successful, you must first understand where places are located before you can fully understand why they are located there.

Purpose of the Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to build a strong geographic foundation before the school year begins.

Students who struggle in AP Human Geography often lack basic knowledge of geography, especially the locations of countries and U.S. states. Without this foundation, it becomes difficult to understand topics such as population patterns, migration, culture, political boundaries, and economic development.

In simple terms, trying to succeed in AP Human Geography without knowing geography is like trying to read a book while constantly stopping to look up every word.

A strong understanding of both **world geography and the 50 U.S. states** is essential for success in this course.

Assignment Requirements

Students are required to learn:

- All countries of the world
- All 50 U.S. states (location is required; capitals are recommended)

You will use the website:

Seterra.com (https://www.seterra.com/)

Use the interactive map quizzes to learn each region. Practice regularly until you can identify locations accurately and consistently without assistance. The goal is mastery, not simple completion.

Summer Study Timeline

The first day of school is August 3, 2026. You are expected to follow the pacing below to stay on track.

Week 1 (June 1–6)

- United States (all 50 states — required focus)
- Canada
- Central America and the Caribbean

Week 2 (June 7–13)

- South America

Week 3 (June 14–20)

- Europe (Western and Eastern)

Week 4 (June 21–27)

- North Africa and West Africa

Week 5 (June 28–July 4)

- East Africa, Central Africa, and Southern Africa

Week 6 (July 5–11)

- Middle East
- Central Asia

Week 7 (July 12–18)

- South Asia
- Southeast Asia

Week 8 (July 19–25)

- East Asia
- Oceania

Week 9 (July 26–August 2)

- Review all regions, including U.S. states

Assessment and Accountability

During the first few weeks of school, there will be several quizzes covering world geography and U.S. states. These quizzes are designed to ensure that students completed the summer assignment and are prepared for the course.

Quizzes may cover any region, including the United States, so students should be prepared to identify both countries and states.

Impact on Your Grade

These assessments will count toward your course grade.

Strong performance on geography quizzes can help strengthen your overall quarter average. If you struggle with other assessments early in the course, a strong understanding of geography can help balance your grade.

Students who complete this assignment with effort and consistency place themselves in a much stronger position for success in AP Human Geography.

Final Expectation

By the first full week of school, you should be able to:

- Identify all 50 U.S. states accurately
- Identify countries across all major world regions without assistance

This assignment is the foundation for everything we will do throughout the year. Students who take it seriously are consistently more successful in the course.

Come prepared.