

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2026

Each AP Human Geography student is responsible for TWO items this summer

1. **U.S. States and Capitals Map Quiz** - On the first Friday of the school year, students will complete a quiz on **all** U.S. States and capitals. No word bank will be given and each item needs to be spelled correctly.
2. **Vocabulary Terms** – You will also have a vocabulary quiz on the following terms and definitions on the second day of school. (Note: this quiz will NOT be simply matching terms to definitions. You need to be able to identify these terms, concepts, and maps. I would suggest looking at examples and images easily found online).

Cartogram Maps: purposely distorts shape and size to show data

Choropleth Maps: expresses data using a theme of colors (ex: shades of purple)

Dot Density Maps: shows people's or objects' densities using dots

Flo-line Maps: use lines to show direction and movement patterns

Geographic Information Systems: takes an image of an area and produces data in layers

Geography: social/scientific interpretation of people and places

Globalization: set of processes that are increasing interactions of people without regard to country borders, AKA pop culture

Global Positioning Systems: uses satellites to determine precise position of something on Earth

Isoline Maps: calculates data across a surface (ex: weather map)

Latitude: imaginary lines running horizontally across Earth measuring north and south of the Equator

Local Diversity: continuation of traditional characteristics despite globalization, AKA folk culture

Longitude: imaginary lines running vertically across Earth measuring east and west of the Prime Meridian

Place: specific point on Earth distinguished by a particular characteristic

Region: an area of Earth distinguished by a distinctive combination of cultural and physical features

Scale: relationship between the area being studied and the Earth as a whole (e.g. the larger the scale, the more zoomed in)