

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment - Current Event Journal and Map Quiz

Welcome to AP Human Geography! This summer assignment is meant to prepare you for the year ahead and make sure you start the year strong and prepared.

Assignment:

- 1) Find one current event article during a period of **six or more** weeks.
 - **Each article** must be from a **different week** and be about a **different country / region**.
 - No article can be older than January 1, 2026.
 - All articles must be the full-length, not a news clip.
 - AI should not be used in any way as you complete this assignment.
- 2) Your articles must be from one of the following **approved major newspaper**, magazine articles, sources.

● The New York Times	● National Geographic
● The Washington Post	● The Wall Street Journal
● BBC	● Al Jazeera (English version)
● USA Today	● Associated Press (AP)
● Foreign Policy	● Reuters
● The Economist	● The Atlantic
- 3) Each article shall cover a **different key topic**. Key topics with potential sub-topics that you can choose from are listed below. **No article can be used twice**, even though it might cover two or more topics listed below.
 - a) Population and Migration (birth rate, death rate, population growth, aging population, population density, population policies, reasons of migration, effects of migration)
 - b) Culture (popular culture, folk culture, cultural diffusion (spreading cultural traits) – its causes and effects, religions, languages, traditions)
 - c) Politics (boundaries between countries, disputes between countries about resources, internal disputes within countries, territorial disputes and wars – their reasons or effects, effects and involvement of major international organizations, elections in USA)
 - d) Agriculture (involvement of more developed or less developed countries in global agriculture, development of agricultural practices, environmental challenges and sustainability of agricultural practices, food insecurity, role of women in agriculture)
 - e) Cities (growth of cities in more developed and/or less developed countries, suburbanization, challenges that people living in cities face, ways to make cities more environmentally sustainable, building infrastructure and challenges with missing infrastructure)
 - f) Economics, Industrialization, Trade (global or international trade, foreign direct investments, product specialization of a given country, economic growth, effects of industrialization or deindustrialization, role of women in economics)
- 4) Your journal should **follow the design described below**:

a) First page should include the title “AP Human Geography Summer Assignment”, your name, and simple table of contents where you will chronologically list out the six articles. In the table of contents, include the title of the article, source in simple format, date of publication and a key topic the article refers to. See an example below:

1) *“Happening in Ukraine and Why is Russia Invading?”*

In The Wall Street Journal. May 12, 2022. Topic: Politics

b) Second page should include a blank map of the world, with only state boundaries indicated. You can use the one attached below. As you read, color only those countries that your articles are about.

c) You will begin the detailed journal of the articles you read on the third page. Follow the pattern described below:

- i. Source: indicate full CMS citation of your article, and add which key topic it refers to.
- ii. Copy-paste full text of the article. You do not need to copy the images unless the text of the article refers to them.
- iii. Write a summary of the article in not less than 100 words per article.
- iv. Write your journal entry where you will give your opinion about the article. You must choose 2 prompts from the list below and write at least one paragraph per prompt.

- I already knew ... but was surprised to learn ...
- I can't believe why ...
- I wonder why ...
- Will this lead to ... ?
- A good solution would be ... because ...
- I want to know more about ... because ...

d) Repeat steps C-i) to C-iv) for each of your six articles. Begin the journal for each article on a new page.

e) Make sure that all texts, including copy-pasted articles, and written paragraphs in your journal are in the same format:

- Font: Calibri / Arial / Times New Roman
- Font size: 12
- Line spacing: 1.15 or 1.5
- Text justified to the block
- Title of article and key topic it refers to in **bold**.

5) Your current events journal **is due** in the first week of school!

You will find out very soon that AP Human Geography is a course in which you will need to apply theory in the real-world events. Thus, keeping up-to-date with current news will help you provide examples to your answers, and will increase your chances of passing the AP exam in May next year! Good luck ☺



Locational Geography

Mapping is an essential component of geography and every topic has some sort of map that you will be asked to work with to identify political boundaries as well as social, economic and environmental trends.

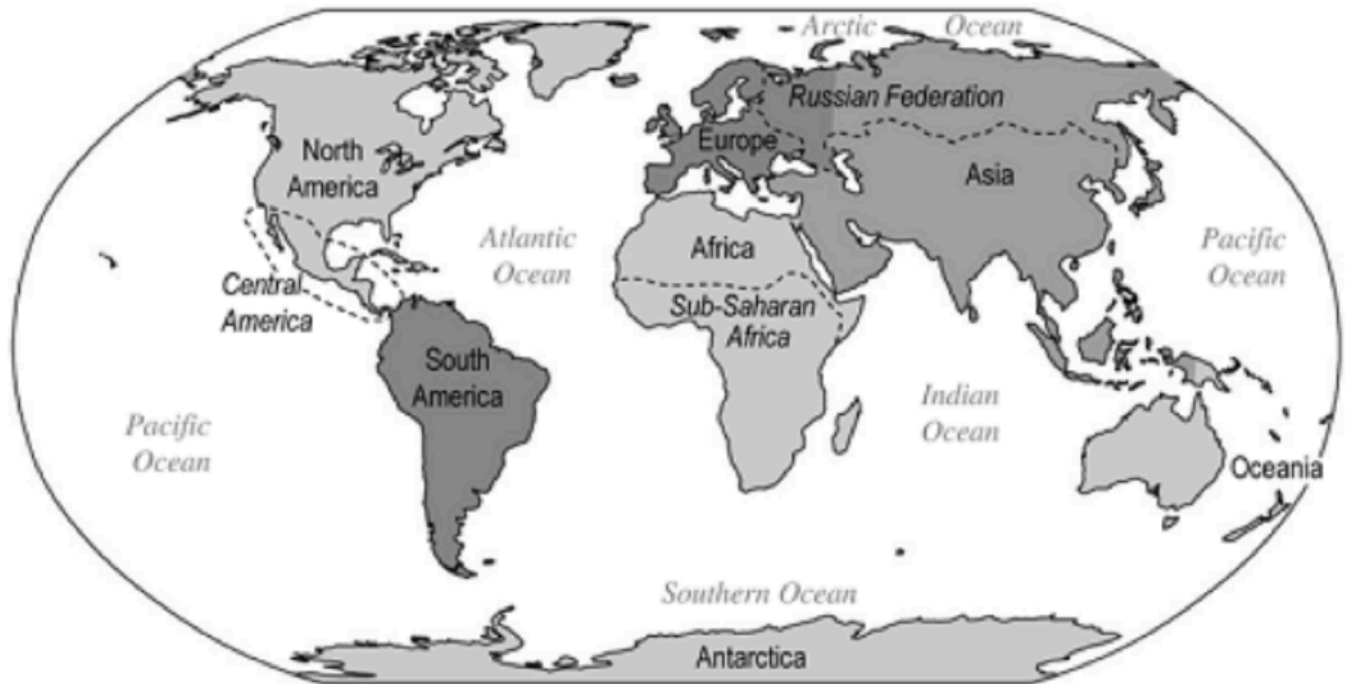
Your first map quiz will be during the first week of class and will include the location of the top 30 most populous countries, and their capital cities, as well as the *detailed* regions of the world.

Below is a list of the countries and capitals you need to know for the first map quiz. You will also find maps of the global regions that you need to know for the test.

List of 30 most populous countries of the world, and their capitals (2020, <https://worldpopulationreview.com/>)

	Country	Capital		Country	Capital
1	China	Beijing	16	Vietnam	Hanoi
2	India	New Delhi	17	Iran	Tehran
3	United States of America	Washington, D.C.	18	Turkey	Ankara
4	Indonesia	Jakarta	19	Germany	Berlin
5	Pakistan	Islamabad	20	Thailand	Bangkok
6	Nigeria	Abuja	21	France	Paris
7	Brazil	Brasilia	22	United Kingdom	London
8	Bangladesh	Dhaka	23	Italy	Rome
9	Russia	Moscow	24	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam / Dodoma
10	Mexico	Mexico, D.F.	25	Republic of South Africa	Pretoria (executive) / Bloemfontein (judicial) / Cape Town (legislative)
11	Japan	Tokyo	26	Burma / Myanmar	NayPyidaw
12	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	27	Kenya	Nairobi
13	Philippines	Manila	28	The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	Seoul
14	Egypt	Cairo	29	Colombia	Bogotá
15	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kinshasa	30	Spain	Madrid

World Regions



World Regions - Detailed

