

Summer Assignment and Information
AP Human Geography

Assignment Due Date: First day of school, Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Google Classroom: *Accept the invitation to join the AP Human Geography 2026-2027 class.*

Learn the AP® Human Geography Units of Study

- Thinking Geographically (7 topics)
- Population and Migration Patterns and Processes (12 topics)
- Cultural Patterns and Processes (8 topics)
- Political Patterns and Processes (10 topics)
- Agricultural and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes (12 topics)
- Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes (11 topics)
- Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes (8 topics)

AI devices and programs are prohibited at all times in this course.

Skills

These skill categories represent the skills students should develop during the AP HUG course, and they form the basis of tasks on the AP Exam. They will be integrated throughout the year in various units of study.

Skill Category 1	Skill Category 2	Skill Category 3	Skill Category 4	Skill Category 5
Concepts and Processes 1 Analyze geographic theories, approaches, concepts, processes, or models in theoretical and applied contexts.	Spatial Relationships 2 Analyze geographic patterns, relationships, and outcomes in applied contexts.	Data Analysis 3 Analyze and interpret quantitative geographic data represented in maps, tables, charts, graphs, satellite images, and infographics.	Source Analysis 4 Analyze and interpret qualitative geographic information represented in maps, images (e.g., satellite, photographs, cartoons), and landscapes.	Scale Analysis 5 Analyze geographic theories, approaches, concepts, processes, and models across geographic scales to explain spatial relationships.

Big Ideas

The big ideas serve as the foundation of the course and enable students to create meaningful connections among course concepts. Often, these big ideas are abstract concepts or themes that become threads that run throughout the course. Revisiting the big ideas and applying them in a variety of contexts allow students to develop a deeper conceptual understanding.

BIG IDEA 1: PATTERNS AND SPATIAL ORGANIZATION (PSO)

Spatial patterns and organization of human society are arranged according to political, historical, cultural, and economic factors.

BIG IDEA 2: IMPACTS AND INTERACTIONS (IMP)

Complex relationships of cause and effect exist among people, their environments, and historical and contemporary actions.

BIG IDEA 3: SPATIAL PROCESS AND SOCIETAL CHANGE (SPS)

A spatial perspective allows for a focus on the ways phenomena are related to one another in particular places, which in turn allows for the examination of human organization and its environmental consequences.

The AP Exam consists of 60 multiple-choice questions in 60 minutes and 3 free-response questions in 75 minutes. The Big Ideas and the Skill Categories will all be assessed in both the multiple-choice and free-response questions.

Overview of AP Human Geography

To start your inquiry into human geography, I would like you to explore each of the units of study we will be covering. For each of the units of study you are to watch one TED Talk **and** read one article. You may read or watch more, but one of each is the requirement. I have provided a collection of [TED Talks](#) and [ARTICLES](#).

Unit of Study	I chose to watch/read... (insert copy of link)	Reflection of what I learned!
Introduction to Human Geography (TED Talk)		
Introduction to Human Geography (Article)		
Thinking Geographically (TED Talk)		
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Population and Migration Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		
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Cultural Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		

Cultural Patterns and Processes (Article)		
Political Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		
Political Patterns and Processes (Article)		
Agricultural and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		
Agricultural and Rural Land-Use Patterns and Processes (Article)		
Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		
Cities and Urban Land-Use Patterns and Processes (Article)		
Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes (TED Talk)		
Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes (Article)		
Reflection: What topic are you most excited about and why?		

I am most excited to learn more about...because...