

Dear Future AP Human Geography Students-

I'm thrilled that you'll be joining me in a survey of Human Geography next year. I'm sharing the Summer homework assignment with you now so that you have time- before the end of the school year- to ask any questions. PLEASE NOTE- I will be out of the country from July 16 to August 2nd and will not reply to emails during that time! Ask questions early :)

The summer homework assignment for Human Geography will take, on average, 12-15 hours to complete (depending on prior knowledge of Native American history and European history). ALL WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN AUGUST. Anyone that doesn't complete the AP Human Geography homework will have their enrollment switched to a study hall or other elective.

Summer HW assignment:

- 1) [Review and watch video overview of Summer expectations](#)
- 2) Complete [Unit 1 Lesson 1](#)
  - a) [Prelearn activity](#)
  - b) [Practice activity](#)
  - c) [Apply activity](#)
- 3) Complete [Unit 1 Lesson 2](#)
  - a) [Prelearn activity](#)
  - b) [Practice activity](#)
  - c) [Apply activity](#)
- 4) Complete [Unit 1 Lesson 3](#)
  - a) [Prelearn activity](#)
  - b) [Practice activity](#)
  - c) [Apply activity](#)
- 5) Complete [Unit 1 Lesson 4](#)
  - a) [Prelearn activity](#)
  - b) [Practice activity](#)
  - c) [Apply activity](#)
- 6) Read and annotate [Chapters 1 & 2 of How to Lie with Maps](#)
- 7) Purchase i-Score 5 AP Human Geography for a smartphone or tablet; have loaded on device (available from Android and Apple app stores)

In closing, this course will build your knowledge of major themes and trends in human geography, and will develop your geographic thinking skills. The course is rigorous: in order to pass the national exam, you'll need to consistently practice self-discipline. Successful habits will include:

- Watching and taking notes on all pre-learning videos **BEFORE** each class
- Completing assigned readings **prior** to class
- Participating meaningfully in classroom activities
- Dedicating an extra 15-20 minutes to reviewing notes **after** each class

- Mentally and emotionally ***preparing yourself for lower grades***: on average, you should anticipate that first semester assessment grades will be ~ 10 points lower than whatever you've earned to-date. You can prepare yourself to accept initially lower grades by taking comfort in these facts:
  - I have a generous safety net grading system. If you earn less than an 80 on any AP assessment you can redo it and earn a B.
  - Anyone that wants to complete optional extended learning activities may do so and earn extra credit that can raise their quarter average by up to 3 total points (from a B- to a B, a B+ to an A-, from an A- to an A, etc).

I know you must have some questions, so please- come see me BEFORE the end of the year.

All my best, Ms. Smith <^..^>

