AP Human Geography Summer Assignment – 2023

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AP Human Geography examines where people are around the world, what sort of things they are doing there, and the impacts of human actions on the environment, society, culture, and politics. It is a broad study that includes demography, cultural geography, political geography, and economic geography. It will require you to practice spatial thinking, to analyze and interpret data from various sources, and to apply the information you learn to new or unfamiliar scenarios and situations. It is a fun class with so many applications outside the classroom, and I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am!

While the study of human geography is so much more than just "maps," you will need to have a strong base knowledge of political divisions around the world. Most of this we will cover throughout the year together, but I do expect that you come to class in September with some foundational map knowledge.

Please label and learn the three attached maps.

- > Map 1: World Regions, The Big Picture
- > Map 2: World Regions, A Closer Look
- > Map 3: The United States of America (Political Map)

Maps 1 and 2 organize the world into regions. We will refer to these regions daily in class, and the College Board will reference them in many test questions. It is important you know where in the world each region is. We will focus on the countries within each region in more detail throughout the school year.

Map 3 is a political map of the United States. Having just completed United States history, I would hope that this map is familiar to you, however, I am including it as a mandatory refresher! We will discuss various concepts in human geography as they apply specifically to different parts of the United States, so please make sure you know where each state is on the map. Capitals are optional but not required.

Please note, in addition to simply labeling the maps, you need to <u>learn</u> them. You will be quizzed at the beginning of the school year on your knowledge of world regions and the U.S. Color your maps, make copies and turn it into a puzzle, put them onto flashcards... use any techniques that will help you to become comfortable with all three of these maps.

If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, please contact me via email at ksteiert@gmahs.org. I do not check my email daily over the summer, but I will try to get back to you within a few days.

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WORLD REGION DESIGNATIONS: BIG PICTURE

WORLD REGION DESIGNATIONS: A CLOSER LOOK



