



## AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2017-2018



Welcome to Advanced Placement Human Geography (AP HUG)! This is a college class in which you have the opportunity to earn college credit if you pass the AP exam at the end of the year. “The purpose of the AP course in Human Geography is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice (The College Board, 2009).”

In order to help prepare you to be successful in this AP course, we have put together a two-part summer assignment to be completed before school begins in August. The assignments are designed to introduce you to topics that will be covered throughout the year and increase your awareness of current world events.

### **Assignment 1- Read: *Why Geography Matters: More than Ever*- Harm de Blij**

You will read chapter 1-3 from this text. There will be questions you will need to answer as you read through these chapters; in order to get access to these questions you will need to email Mrs. Menendez at [RMenendez@tchs.us](mailto:RMenendez@tchs.us) to receive instructions on how to join the class group on Showbie and retrieve questions for your summer reading assignment.

### **Assignment 2- Current Event Log**

Part of becoming a global citizen is becoming more aware of what is happening in the world around you. Paying attention to what is happening in the news will help to illuminate the locations and concepts we will study, and current events will often be used as conceptual examples in class

**Task:** You are to keep a running log of significant events that occur throughout the summer. Please try to focus on global events, however, some national and local events are acceptable (ex. California drought, drone surveillance, etc.). If you are having trouble figuring out which events are of most significance to our class, keep the following themes in mind: population, migration, resource management, agriculture, medical and technological advances, race and gender issues, language, religion, political conflict and unrest, language, urban life, and industry.

Log the events you find in chart format:

<b>When did this event occur?</b>	<b>Where did this event occur?</b>	<b>What happened?</b> (~5 sentence summary, including what, why, and big picture significance/impact of the event)
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You will need at least 15 significant events in your log. In addition to your log, map each of the events on one World Map (can be found on Edmodo or you may print a blank map of your own). You can simply number the locations to coincide with your log entries, or label each with a few words.

Please keep in mind that these assignments are designed to prepare you for success in AP Human Geography. Success in this course directly correlates with your motivation to be successful and willingness to apply yourself fully. If you have any questions regarding these summer assignments please do not hesitate to email Miss Burton at [RBurton@tchs.us](mailto:RBurton@tchs.us). I hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

**Grading the Summer Assignment:**

These summer assignments will count separately as individual test grades. Assignments will be due on Wednesday, August 9.