

AP Human Geography

Summer Assignment: (can also be found on the school's website)

All AP classes require a summer assignment. In the past, Human Geography students have read *Fast Food Nation* and written a paper about how it relates to some of the themes of the course. This summer that is **not** the assignment. Instead you will do four smaller activities that will help prepare you for the class.

- 1) Study the attached list of vocabulary terms. Vocabulary is a big part of this class, and these “major” terms will help you have a base knowledge right from the start. (I would write them out on index cards)
- 2) You will need to study the locations of the world’s countries. You will be quizzed on them throughout the first trimester. However, initially you just need to know the countries that belong to the G20 (Group of 20 strongest countries economically) and where they are. These sites can help:
<http://online.culturegrams.com/world/index.php>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G-20_major_economies

There will be a test on the above two activities the 1st day of school.

- 3) Read the attached article, *Why Geography?* Highlight main points in it that help answer the question – Why Geography? I’m no longer requiring a written essay; just make sure you’ve highlighted sections that relate to why it’s important to study geography. **Due day 1 of class. Article can be found:**
http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/courses/teachers_corner/50150.html or on the school’s AP Summer Homework website.
- 4) For the last activity you will be watching a film. First though, study the list of the Themes of Human Geography on the back of this sheet. Keep it handy as you watch the film. Jot down notes when you see something in the film that relates to any of our themes. Your assignment is to write **(type)** a 3-paragraph reflection of the film. The first paragraph is a brief summary. The second paragraph describes the themes you observed in the film, and the third paragraph is your opinion of the film (what you found interesting, learned, liked & didn’t like). Try and find, and give examples of at least 3 themes in your paper. The second paragraph should be longer than the first. **Due day 1 of class.**
Films to choose from: (R rated films must have your parent permission)

Whale Rider

Invictus

Blood Diamond ®

Slumdog Millionaire ®

Avatar

The Motorcycle Diaries ®

City of Joy

Story of the Weeping Camel

Erin Brockovich

Himalaya

Fast Food Nation ®

Gandhi