

Welcome to AP Human Geography! AP Human Geography is a semester-long course intended to meet or exceed the introductory one-semester human geography course offered at colleges and universities. The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the orderly study of the spatial analysis of the human population, their cultures, activities, and landscapes.

The AP Human Geography curricular objectives follow the most recent *AP Human Geography Course Description* found on the AP Human Geography Course Home Page.

1. The course provides a systematic study of human geography, including the following topics outlined in the Course Description:
  - Nature and Perspectives on Geography
  - Population
  - Culture Patterns and Processes
  - Political Organization and Space
  - Agricultural and Rural Land Use
  - Industrialization and Economic Development
  - Cities and Urban Land Use
2. The course teaches the use of spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human organization of space.
3. The course teaches spatial relationships at different scales ranging from the local to the global.
4. The course teaches students how to use and interpret maps, data sets, and geographic models. GIS, aerial photographs, and satellite images, though not required, can be used effectively in the course.

In order to prepare you for the rigour associated with AP courses and to introduce you to the broad range of topics we will cover in this class you will be assigned a 3 part summer enrichment activity.

- 1) NewsELA assignment due August 25
- 2) EdPuzzle Assignment due August 25
- 3) Themes of Geography book review due September 8

These assignments will be part of your Term 1 grade. I strongly recommend that you complete the assignment over the summer. Once the class starts we cover material quickly and you should expect to read 1-2 chapters from your book per week, in addition to watching my lecture videos for homework.

You can contact me via email ([meghan.hess@pbcharterschools.org](mailto:meghan.hess@pbcharterschools.org)) or by signing up for my classes Remind group. You can sign up by following the this link [remind.com/join/aphugsta](https://remind.com/join/aphugsta) or by texting @aphugsta to 81010. Please keep in mind that it is summer so I may not respond immediately. Like any good geography teacher, I will be traveling.

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## Summer Enrichment Assignment

### NewsELA Assignment Due August 25

NewsELA is an online news source, providing students with access to current events/ Each article is accompanied by four multiple choice questions and one short-response question. The short response answer needs to cite textual evidence and needs to be a minimum of five sentences in length. Please make sure to read the article at the assigned level, we can always adjust the reading level later for future assignments. To access your assignments, use the class code below to join my course.

**Website:** <https://newsela.com/>

**Class code:** Q5CM6K

### These are the four articles assigned for the summer enrichment assignment:

*The United Nations, Formed for World Peace*

*How Does GPS Work?*

*Groceries and packages could soon be delivered by robots*

*The 1915 map that helped all women get the vote*

### EdPuzzle Assignment Due August 25

EdPuzzle is an online program that embeds quiz questions into a YouTube video. Join my class by going to the EdPuzzle website and entering my class code.

**Website:** <https://edpuzzle.com>

**Class code:** idkidvu

Once you join my class you need to watch the assigned videos and answer the embedded quiz questions. The videos are listed below:

1. Mapping the future of countries
2. Dreams from endangered cultures
3. One seed at a time, protecting the future of food
4. How megacities are changing the map of the world

## Book Review

I would like for you to choose one book from the attached list to read over this summer. The books on this list, from which you need to choose one, have been selected to help you understand the nature and complexity of geography before undertaking its formal study. Moreover, each book in its own way will, I hope, broaden your knowledge of geography by helping make the complex simple and the intricate interesting.

Finally, I have selected these books because they are easily accessible, eminently readable, broadly informative, and specifically focused on some important aspect of geography such as urban development, religion and culture, the environment, epidemiology or politics. It is my hope that in anticipation of taking AP Human Geography, you will not only enjoy the subject matter of the book you select but you will also make your AP experience more meaningful.

I have at least one copy of every book on the list, so please stop by room 216 A and sign a book out for the summer. Some of the books are also on the AP Language or AP Literature reading list. It is, of course, fine if you read the same book for both courses ( the books with an asterisk are on the AP Literature assignment and the books with a plus sign are on the AP Language assignment).

You will be asked to discuss your book, based on the following rubric, when we come back in late August. With regard to length of response, a total of 1000-1500 words ( three to four typed pages) would be considered appropriate.

### Rubric

Please use the following rubric as a guide to how to organize your paper:

#### I. Description

**5 points:** Author's name, place of publication, date of publication, number of pages in book.

**20 points:** Summary of book -- important points brought out, highlights, etc.

#### II. Analysis

**10 points:** Author's objectives. What did the author intend for the reader in writing this book?

**10 points:** Universal lessons. Provide examples from the book of lessons that would apply any place or time. These lessons should deal, if possible, with threads of humanity or the universal condition. If you do not feel there is any lesson to be learned from your book, explain why.

**10 points:** Use of passages to support answer.

#### III. Appraisal

**10 points:** Did you like/dislike the book and why?

**5 points:** What is missing?

#### IV. Themes of Geography

**20 points:** Please integrate, where applicable, the five geographic themes of place/location, movement, perception, human/environment interaction, and region. If you are unsure of the definitions of these terms, you will find them in your textbook, any dictionary, or a Web inquiry related to the "five themes of geography." You do not have to address them all, just the ones that apply to your book!

#### V. Overall Paper

**10 points:** grammar, spelling, neatness

**Total: 100 points**

## Summer Book List

### I Remember Beirut

A Game for Swallows: To Die, to Leave, to Return

Things Fall Apart \*

I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced +

Dead Heat: Global Justice and Global Warming +

The Innocent Anthropologist +

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier +

They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: A True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan+

Moloka'i

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans

The Great American Dust Bowl

Silent Spring +

Wild Trees +

Why Geography Matters +

The Power of Place +

Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies +

Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed +

The Third Chimpanzee +

The Everglades: River of Grass +

How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization +

Gorillas in the Mist +

Longitudes and Attitudes +

The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century+

Hot, Flat and Crowded +

The Coming Plague +

Reason for Hope +

The Mismeasure of Man +

Maphead +

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The quest of Dr. Paul Farmer+

Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World +

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana

Sand County Almanac +

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything +

The Other Wes Moore +

The New Geography of Jobs +

In Trouble Again +

Mapping Human History +

Animal Farm \*

Stolen Lives

A Long Walk to Water +

Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals +

Hot Zone +

The Queen of Water.

Virus X +

The Arab of the Future

Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal.+

The Jungle \*

Marzi

The 7 Daughters of Eve : Mitochondrial DNA +

Yellow Fever, Black Goddess +

On Human Nature +

I Am Malala +

Parasite Rex +

### Abirached, Zeina

Abirached, Zeina

Achebe, Chinua

Ali, Nujood

Athanasiou, Tom

Barley, Nigel

### Beah, Ishmael

Bernstein, Judy

Brenka, Alan

Brown, Don

Brown, Don

Carson, Rachel

Dawkins, Richard

de Blij, Harm

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### Diamond, Jared

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Douglas, Marjory

Foer, Franklin

Fossey, Dian

### Friedman, Thomas

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Garrett, Laurie

Goodall, Jane

Gould, Steven Jay

Jennings, Karl

Kidder, Tracy

### Kurlansky, Mark

Lahiri, Jhumpa

Leopald, Aldo

Levitt, Steven

Moore, Wes

Moretti, Enrico

O'Hanlon, Redmond

Olson, Steve

Orwell, George

Oufkir, Malika

Park, Linda Sue

Pollan, Michael

Preston, Richard

Resau, Laura

Ryan, Frank

Sattouf, Riad

Schlosser, Eric.

Sinclair, Upton

Sowa, Marzena

### Sykes, Bryan

Wiliis, Christopher

Wilson, E.O

Yousafzai, Malala

Zimmer, Carl

