

## Welcome to AP Human Geography!

AP Human Geography is a year-long course designed to introduce you to the study of people, cultures, population, migration, political systems, and the relationships between humans and the world around them. Throughout the course, you will encounter a variety of global perspectives and will be encouraged to think critically through a Christian worldview.

In this course, you will develop skills in critical thinking, note-taking, analysis, and writing while exploring why people live where they do and how geography shapes our world. If you enjoy learning about cultures, current events, and global issues, this will be a great class for you.

## AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

This assignment will help you begin thinking like a geographer and become more familiar with the political maps of the world before school begins.

### Part 1 Political Maps

Study and label the following maps:

- United States
- North America
- Central America
- South America
- Europe
- Africa and the Middle East
- Asia

### Instructions

- Hand-label all countries on each continent map.
- Label all U.S. states on the United States map.
- Color each map by region.
- Include a key explaining how you grouped your regions.

*Remember: regions can be based on culture, language, religion, politics, economics, environment, or history. There is not always one correct answer. This assignment is designed to help me see how you think geographically.*

### Part 2 AP Human Geography Videos

Watch the following videos from Steve Sinn:

- [Thinking Like A Geographer! \(AP Human Geography\) - YouTube](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UUiccaOwhk> My skills you need to Learn
- [Introduction to Maps \[AP Human Geography Unit 1 Topic 1\] 1.1 - YouTube](#)

*More instructions on the back*

For each video:

- Write 75–100 words explaining what you learned.
- Identify 5 geography terms or concepts that are new to you and define them in your own words.

## **Academic Honesty and AI Use**

Artificial intelligence tools may be used to help explain vocabulary or concepts, but they should not replace your own thinking or work. Your maps, notes, summaries, and explanations should reflect your own understanding and effort.

## **Bring to Class on the First Day**

- Completed printed maps
- Completed video notes

Examples of geographic concepts you may encounter:

- scale
- spatial patterns
- regions
- diffusion
- density
- site and situation
- human-environment interaction

Have a great summer! If you have questions, feel free to email me.

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