

AP Human Geography – Summer Homework

Welcome to AP Human Geography! This course explores how people interact with the world around them. This assignment will help you jump right into the course and build a strong understanding of the world's geography from the start. Your summer assignment will focus on learning the world's political geography (countries, borders, and regions).

Part 1: Label & Color Political Maps

Your first task is to **label and color political maps** for different parts of the world. This will help you get familiar with where countries and states are located.

What to do:

Part 1:

1. **Print the following maps:**
 - o Political map of the **United States**
 - o Political map of **North America and Central America**
 - o Political map of **South America**
 - o Political map of **Europe**
 - o Political map of **Africa**
 - o Political map of **Asia and the Middle East (This can be separate maps)**
2. **Label each map:**
 - o For the **U.S. map**, write in the name of **each state**.
 - o For the **continent maps**, label the name of **each country** by hand.
3. **Color the countries by region:**
 - o Choose different colors to show how **you group countries into regions**.
 - o Example: You might color all of **Western Europe** blue, and **Eastern Europe** green.
 - o There's no one right answer — it's based on your own reasoning!
4. **Create a key/legend:**
 - o In the corner of each map, make a **color key** that explains your regions.
 - o Example: "Green = West Africa," "Blue = East Africa"
 - o **Also write a sentence** explaining how *you* decided what counts as a region. (This helps your teacher understand how you think geographically.)

Part 2: Vocabulary Practice

Below is a list of 25 vocabulary terms. Write a short, clear definition **in your own words** for each one.

AP Human Geography – Unit 1 Vocabulary List:

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| 1. Absolute location | 13. Site |
| 2. Relative location | 14. Situation |
| 3. Distance decay | 15. Toponym |
| 4. Time-space compression | 16. Region |
| 5. Scale | 17. Formal region (uniform region) |
| 6. Map projection | 18. Functional region (nodal region) |
| 7. Cartography | 19. Perceptual region (vernacular region) |
| 8. Geographic Information System (GIS) | 20. Spatial distribution |
| 9. Global Positioning System (GPS) | 21. Pattern |
| 10. Remote sensing | 22. Density |
| 11. Spatial perspective | 23. Concentration |
| 12. Place | 24. Environmental determinism |
| | 25. Possibilism |

On your First Day of Class bring your:

- labeled and colored maps, printed and completed
- your vocabulary list with definitions

Have a great summer. If you have questions, contact me through email: jimlay@caschools.us
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