

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

In preparation for the AP Human Geography course, there are mandatory summer assignments that must be completed.

Learning Maps/Geography. Knowing the locations of countries and geographic features is a key foundational element of this course. Time must be invested in learning this information. Practice maps can be found at Test.MrGrether.com. There will be a map test the first day of class.



Summer Reading & Paper. You are to select **one** of the following three books listed below to read in its entirety. You will then write a 4-5 page essay that meets the stated requirements.

Book List

These books can be found at your local library or Amazon (buy Kindle or Used).

- Friedman, Thomas. *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century (Free PDF Download)*
- Rivoli, Pietra. *The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade (2009 Version).*
- de Blij, Harm. *Why Geography Matters: More than Ever.*

Paper Requirements

Formatting (10 Points)

- Typed, 12 point Times New Roman Font, 1 inch margins, double-spaced, appropriate headings, grammar/spelling

Title Page (10 Points)

- Your Name, Title of Book, Author's Name, Date of Publication, Number of Pages
- Book summary in exactly 30 words

Analysis (30 Points)

- Author's Objectives & Universal Lessons - what were the big ideas that the author intend for the reader to learn from the book? Remember to reference the page of the book of your information came from when using paraphrasing and quotes to support your analysis. Use parenthetical documentation. Example: (pg 42).
- Which of the 5 Themes of Geography were addressed in the book? (place, location, movement, region, human-environmental interaction). Provide examples from the book using parenthetical documentation to support your claim. If you are unsure of the definition or meaning of these themes, do a Google search related to the 5 Themes of Geography. Stay away from answers.com or similar websites.

Application (30 Points)

- Find 3 international current events that relate to the themes of this book. Each event must apply to a different theme of the book. These events must have taken place in June through August of this year. Use major news sources, like CNN, BBC, etc. Please provide a print out of the article.
- Provide a summary of these events while explaining how they embody a key theme of the book.

Appraisal (20 Points)

- What did you like about the book? What did you dislike about the book?