

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Human Geography @ FPA!

This course explores how **humans** understand, use, and alter the spaces and places around them. To prepare for the journey, complete the following assignments over the summer. They will help you build a strong foundation before the school year begins.

Due Date: **First day of class**

Submission Format: Typed and/or neatly written and presented in a folder or binder with full name on the front.

PART 1: Geography Basics - Vocabulary Builder

Define the following **25 key terms** in your own words. Include examples or visuals where possible.

- 1. Geography
- 2. Place
- 3. Space
- 4. Scale
- 5. Region
- 6. Map
- 7. Cartography
- 8. GPS
- 9. GIS
- 10. Toponym
- 11. Site
- 12. Situation
- 13. Distance decay
- 14. Time-space compression
- 15. Globalization
- 16. Cultural landscape
- 17. Hearth
- 18. Diffusion
- 19. Relocation diffusion
- 20. Hierarchical diffusion
- 21. Contagious diffusion
- 22. Stimulus diffusion
- 23. Environmental determinism
- 24. Possibilism

- 25. Sustainability

PART 2: Map Practice

Download a blank world political map and label:

- All continents
- All oceans
- 30 major countries (especially from each region: North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Oceania)
- Equator, Prime Meridian, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn

Use colors or shading to show the **different world regions** (e.g., Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, etc.)

PART 3: Culture & Globalization Exploration

Choose one of the following:

- Option A: Watch a documentary

Choose one that focuses on global issues and write a 1-page reflection that answers:

- What is the central issue or topic?
- How does it show geographic themes like globalization, migration, or culture?
- What surprised or interested you about the subject matter?

Suggested documentaries:

- **The True Cost (Global Fashion Industry)**
- **Living on One Dollar (Poverty in Guatemala)**
- **Don't Panic: The Truth About Population**

- Option B: Interview a family member or community elder

Ask about their migration story or cultural heritage. Write a 1-page summary connecting their story to:

- Push/pull factors of migration
 - Diffusion of culture
 - Globalization or cultural identity
- PART 4: Current Events & Geography in the Real World**

Find two current news articles from reliable sources (BBC, NPR, NY Times, National Geographic, etc.) that relate to topics like migration, conflict, environment, culture, urbanization, or development.

For each article:

- Write a short summary (5-7 sentences)

- Explain how it connects to human geography
- Include the source/date/title

Optional Enrichment (Extra Credit)

- Explore the CIA World Factbook: Pick two countries and compare population, economy, geography, and culture.
- Try a few rounds of the game Geoguessr or Seterra to test your world map skills.

Tips for Success

- Pace yourself. **Don't leave everything for the last week!**
- **Use** color, visuals, and maps to make your work engaging.
- Make **connections** to your own community or experience wherever possible.
- Keep everything organized and neat **- this will be your first grade.**

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