

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 2012-2013



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AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

AP Human Geography is a semester long college level class where students are introduced to the organized study of geographical patterns and progressions that have shaped humanity through the use and alteration of the Earth's surface. Human Geography is the study of where humans and their activities and institutions such as ethnic groups, religious practices, cities, and industries are located and why they are there. Human geographers also study the interactions of humans with their environment.

Text Book and Materials

Textbook: Rubenstein, James M., [The Cultural Landscape, An Introduction to Human Geography](#), Prentice Hall, 2002, 7th Edition

Students are responsible for reading and completing the terms and concepts

- **A place to keep notes (spiral)**
- **Pens (blue or black, red)**
- **Highlighter**
- **Paper**

Objectives

- Examine the discipline of geography, including its tools, themes, and concepts.
- Utilize and evaluate maps and spatial data.
- Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process.
- Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among places.
- Evaluate geographic problems on the global, national, and local scale.
- Identify and interpret at different scales the relationships among patterns and processes.
- Assess the nature and significance of phenomena that occur in the same place.
- Analyze the diversity of global cultures and their economic characteristics.
- Recognize how tastes and values, political regulations, and economic constraints work together to create particular types of cultural landscapes.
- Examine how cultural landscapes are shaped and how they change over time.

AP EXAM

The AP exam will take place May 17th. It will consist of 75 timed multiple choice questions and three timed Free Response Questions (FRQ). Many universities across the country will take 3 hours of college credit for a passing score on this AP exam.

Topics Covered

Unit 1: Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives
Unit 2: Population
Unit 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes
Unit 4: Political Organizations and Spaces

Unit 5: Agricultural and Rural Land Use
Unit 6: Industrialization and Economic Development
Unit 7: Cities and Urban Land Use
Unit 8: AP Human Geography Exam

GRADING FORMAT

📌 50% = MAJOR GRADES (Unit Tests and Projects)

📌 50% = DAILY GRADES (class assignments, current events, FRQ's, quizzes)

CLASS DISCUSSION AND READING

It is critical that everyone participates in class discussions and class activities in order to get a variety of viewpoints on the subjects that we will be covering. Class discussions are an integral part of this course and every student is required to respond when questioned and encouraged to give input to class discussions. All reading assignments will be required within each specific unit. You will be quizzed over the readings and you will need the background knowledge and concepts to be successful in class.

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

It is the student's responsibility to make up work after an absence.

You will need to turn in make-up work to me and the date you were absent.

If missing a major test or quiz, you are responsible for making it up the day you return.

COMPANION WEBSITE

http://wps.prenhall.com/esm_rubenstein_humangeo_8/20/5323/1362726.cw/index.html

Topic (% goals for MC Exam)	Tentative Dates	Text Book Chapters
1. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives 5-10%	8/27-9/5	Rubenstein, CH 1
2. Population and Migration 13-17%	9/6-9/21	Rubenstein, CH 2-3
3. Culture (Folk and Popular, Language Religion, Ethnicity) 13-17%	9/24-10/12	Rubenstein, CH 4-7
4. Political Organization of Space 13-17%	10/15-10/26	Rubenstein, CH 8
5. Agriculture and Rural Land Use 13-17%	10/29-11/9	Rubenstein, CH 10
6. Industrialization and Economic Development 13-17%	11/12-11/30	Rubenstein, CH 9,11,14
7. Cities and Urban Land Use 13-17%	12/3-12/12	Rubenstein, CH 12 & 13
AP Exam	5/17/2013	

"To understand just one life you have to swallow the world." Salmon Rushdie