



AP Human Geography Summer Assignment School Year 2018-2019

Brief description of the summer assignment:

Read one book from the summer reading list and write a one page paper.

Objectives of the summer assignment:

To introduce students to AP Human Geography topics, vocabulary, and perspectives.

Resources/Materials necessary for the summer assignment:

Library books and list of course specific vocabulary.

Estimated length of time to complete:

4 hours, but it depends on reading and writing speed.

Grade:

The assignment will be graded as a writing grade, which is a category of the quarter grade weighted as 20%.

Due Date:

Third or fourth week of school.

Questions? Contact:

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Welcome to AP Human Geography! This summer your assignment will be to read **ONE** book from the following list and write a **ONE** page reflection. The books have been hand selected because they cover topics we will discuss in the course and because they are captivating. You will learn that almost any topic can be related to AP Human Geography--from food to politics! In your reflection you should summarize what you read, apply any academic vocabulary you can, discuss personal and/or historical connections, and give examples from current events that relate. Your assignment will be due the third or fourth week of school in the fall.

If you have any questions please email me at: nbhanson@fcps.edu.

Here is a link to a website to help with the vocabulary:

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/courses/teachers_corner/49389.html

I look forward to working with you next year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hanson

Fairfax HS Library	A few copies of each title are available; stop by before June 22 to check one out for the summer.
Fairfax County Public Library	All titles are available from the public library. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ In addition to print versions, most are available on audio CD or in e-book or e-audiobook format through a program called Overdrive . Free to anyone with a valid library card, Overdrive allows users to remotely download an e-book or e-audiobook to a phone, tablet or other personal device for three weeks. Talk to a librarian @ the public library about getting started!
Amazon	All titles are available for purchase in print or Kindle edition.

INTRODUCTION

de Blij, Harm. *Why geography matters: three challenges facing America: climate change, the rise of China, and global terrorism*. Oxford U Pres, 2005. 282 pp.

In *Why Geography Matters*, de Blij demonstrates how geography's perspectives yield unique and penetrating insights into the interconnections that mark our shrinking world. Preparing for climate change, averting a cold war with China, defeating terrorism: all of this requires geographic knowledge. De Blij also makes an urgent call to restore geography to America's educational curriculum.

Jennings, Ken. *Maphead: charting the wide, weird world of geography wonks*. Scribner, 2011. 276 pp.

Jennings (of *Jeopardy!* fame) takes readers on a world tour of geogeeks from the London Map Fair to the bowels of the Library of Congress, from the prepubescent geniuses at the National Geographic Bee to the computer programmers at Google Earth. Each chapter delves into a different aspect of map culture: highpointing, geocaching, road atlas rallying, even the "unreal estate" charted on the maps of fiction and fantasy.

POPULATION

Friedman, Thomas L. *Hot, flat, and crowded: why we need a green revolution, and how it can renew America*. Picador, 2009. 438 pp.

How climate change and population explosion are endangering our planet.

Seager, John and Lee S. Polansky. *The Good Crisis: How Population Stabilization Can Foster a Healthy US Economy*. Population Connection, 2016. 220 pp.

Offering insights and guidance from prominent academics and journalists, *The Good Crisis: How Population Stabilization Can Foster a Healthy U.S. Economy* (Population Connection; 2016) takes on one of today's most pressing challenges: keeping our aging population healthy, productive, and prepared for today's technologically-focused jobs. At the same time, today's youth must be prepared for productive futures through education, skills training, and delayed parenthood.

MIGRATION

Nazario, Sonia. *Enrique's journey: the story of a boy's dangerous odyssey to reunite with his mother*. Random House, 2006. 260 pp. [note: be sure you don't get the Young Reader's version.]

Wall Street Journal reporter Nazario follows 17-year-old Enrique as he embarks on a harrowing solo trip from Honduras to reunite with his mother, who left for the United States when he was 5. Enrique travels atop freight trains and encounters gangsters, rapists and rough border patrol agents. This account gives a human face to the thousands of unaccompanied minors who endure physical dangers, near-constant fear, hunger, disappointment and disillusionment.

Santago, Esmerelda. *When I was Puerto Rican: a memoir*. Merloyd Lawrence, 1993. 270 pp.

Account of a 13-year-old girl who immigrates to the tenements of New York from in the 1950s.

CULTURE

Weiner, Eric. *The geography of bliss: one grump's search for the happiest places in the world*. Hachette, 2008. 320 pp.

NPR correspondent Weiner consults with a Dutch scholar who studies happiness – what is it, how do various cultures define it, what factors contribute to it: Then he travels to countries around the world to delve into the happiness quotient and to explore how our surroundings shape who we are. Can happiness be measured? How does happiness compare between Iceland and Qatar, between Bhutan and the industrialized West?

Davis, Wade. *Light at the edge of the world: a journey through the realm of vanishing cultures*. Douglas & McIntyre, 2007. 202 pp.

Renowned anthropologist Davis explores the idea that remote distinct cultures (Bedouin, Inuit, Indonesian, Tibetan, and Haitian) represent unique visions of life and have much to teach the rest of the world about different ways of living and thinking. As he investigates the dark undercurrents tearing people from their past and propelling them into an uncertain future, Davis reiterates that the threats faced by indigenous cultures endanger and diminish all cultures.

LANGUAGE

Bryson, Bill. *The mother tongue: English and how it got that way*. Morrow, 1990. 270 pp.

A history of the English language written in a non-technical manner for a general audience. Bryson begins with language's Neanderthal origins and goes on to describe the key people and events that have shaped English into its modern form and character.

Crystal, David. *A little book of language*. Yale U Press, 2010. 253 pp.

A leading linguist introduces us to our most critical mode of communication. In this exhilarating romp through the mysteries and vagaries of language, from how infants acquire language to how many words the average adult knows (40,000) and slang ("Linguists love collecting slang.")

RELIGION

Idliby, Ranya. *The faith club: a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew – three women searching for understanding*. Free Press, 2006. 308 pp.

While writing a children's book highlighting commonalities among the Abrahamic religions (Islam, Christianity, and Judaism), Idliby, an American Muslim, gets together with two other women, one Christian and one Jewish, to gain insight into the other faiths. The trio openly discusses differences and works through some difficult discussions, ultimately forming a close bond.

Prothero, Stephen. *God is not one: the eight rival religions that run the world*. HarperOne, 2010. 329 pp.

A thematic chapter-by-chapter analysis of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Daoism, & the Yoruba religion.

ETHNICITY

Noah, Trevor. *Born a crime: stories from a South African childhood*. Spiegel & Grau, 2016. 288pp.

Hilarious and heartbreaking by turns, the comedian relates his upbringing in apartheid and post-apartheid South Africa, where his very existence was a violation of the law.

Skloot, Rebecca. *The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*. Crown, 2010. 369 pp.

The story of how the cells of a poor Southern tobacco farmer -- taken without her knowledge -- became one of the most important tools in medicine.

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Marshall, Tim. *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World*. Simon & Schuster, 2015. 304pp.

Maps have a mysterious hold over us. Whether ancient, crumbling parchments or generated by Google, maps tell us things we want to know, not only about our current location or where we are going but about the world in general. And yet, when it comes to geo-politics, much of what we are told is generated by analysts and other experts who have neglected to refer to a map of the place in question

Diamond, Jared. *Guns, germs and steel: the fates of human societies*. Norton, 1997. 425 pages

Diamond argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. He explains how environmental factors enabled societies to develop farming, domesticate animals, develop religions, writing systems, and technologies, invade other continents, and conquer or displace other peoples.

URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Brierly, Saroo. *Lion (originally titled A Long Way Home)*. Putnam, 2016. 255 pp.

Five-year-old Saroo Brierley got lost on a train in India. Unable to read or write or recall the name of his hometown or even his own last name, he survived alone for weeks on the rough streets of Calcutta before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. 25 years later, he used Google Earth to find his home village and eventually his family.

Boo, Katherine. *Behind the beautiful forevers*. Random House, 2012. 244 pp.

An examination of the desperate poverty in the Annawaldi slum on the suburbs of Mumbai, India, within sight of luxurious hotels and the mansions of the rich.

AGRICULTURE

Schlosser, Eric. *Fast food nation: the dark side of the all-American meal*. Perennial, 2001. 288 pp.

A discussion of how fast-food restaurants have fundamentally changed the way Americans eat. Schlosser documents the effects of fast food on America's economy, its youth culture, and allied industries, such as meatpacking, that serve this vast food production empire, focusing on the health and nutrition implications of fast-food consumption.

Pritchard, Forrest. *Gaining ground: A story of farmers' markets, local food and saving the family farm*. Lyons Press, 2013. 320 pp.

William & Mary graduate and local author Pritchard writes about developing sustainable agricultural practices on his family farm in Page County, Virginia.

INDUSTRY

Ehrenbach, Barbara. *Nickel and dimed: on (not) getting by in America*. Picador, 2001. 238 pp.

Ehrenbach sets out to discover if it is really possible to live off of the wages from low-paying jobs without government assistance. She leaves her house in Key West and travels from Florida to Maine and Minnesota, working in a series of low-paying jobs, including as a waitress in a small restaurant, a sales assistant in a WalMart, and a house cleaner, to learn how difficult it is to survive as a member of the "working poor."

Standage, Tom. *A history of the world in six glasses*. Walker, 2005. 311 pp.

Tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the 21st century through the lens of beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and cola.

DEVELOPMENT

Easterly, William. *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest have done so Much Ill and so Little Good*. Penguin Books, 2007. 448 pp.

In his previous book, Easterly criticized the utter ineffectiveness of Western organizations to mitigate global poverty, and he was promptly fired by his then-employer, the World Bank. This is his widely anticipated counterpunch—a brilliant and blistering indictment of the West's economic policies for the world's poor. Sometimes angry, sometimes irreverent, but always clear-eyed and rigorous, Easterly argues that we in the West need to face our own history of ineptitude and draw the proper conclusions, especially at a time when the question of our ability to transplant Western institutions has become one of the most pressing issues we face.

Collier, Paul. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What can Be Done About It*. Oxford University Press, 2008. 224 pp.

The Bottom Billion is an elegant and impassioned synthesis from one of the world's leading experts on Africa and poverty. It was hailed as "the best non-fiction book so far this year" by Nicholas Kristoff of The New York Times.