

AP Human Geography Summer Reading 2011-2012



- Objectives:** The purpose of the AP Human Geography summer assignment is to encourage students to ...
- Consider the importance of geography to human activities and development
 - Develop an expertise in one country and its surrounding region

Assignment:

I. AP Human Geography Notebook

Your first task is to select a decent-sized (1" +) three-ring binder notebook that you will use to keep yourself organized throughout the year.

II. Country Portfolio

The first section in your notebook should be designated "[Country Name] Portfolio." You must use your creativity to design the first page. However, the page must carry the theme of the country. Throughout the course of the year you will be our resident **EXPERT** on this nation and its region of the world.

* Your assigned country is: **CALL, TEXT, OR EMAIL me to get OR suggest your country!**

A) The first item in your Country Portfolio should be a 1-2 page typed profile of your country using information from the CIA World Fact book's. The Fact book is online at the CIA World Fact book's. The Fact book is online at

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> look for the pull-down menu.

B) Over the summer, you will be expected to locate and read **at least ten** news articles pertaining to your country that demonstrate the IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHY to your country's development and situation – in other words, they should somehow reflect the impact of the country's location on the face of the Earth. The number of potential topics is virtually limitless, but might include agriculture, natural resources, economic development, relations & disputes with neighboring countries, cultural heritage, migration and refugees, natural disasters, population issues, or civil conflict between different ethnic groups. Remember that these are just suggested topics.

**For each of these articles you should TYPE a paragraph (50-100 words) summarizing the content and explaining

how it illustrates the importance of geography (or perhaps how it might illustrate the diminishing importance of one's location on the planet). **This must be typed and neat!**

* Good Sources of International News on the WWW are:

* *New York Times* International News: <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/>

* *International Herald Tribune*: <http://www.iht.com>

* *BBC World News*: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/>

* The following *Washington Post* site makes life particularly easy by organizing articles by country: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/search/list/index.html>

**Your articles should cover a variety of topics and must be equally distributed throughout the summer. Make sure the articles are in the following chronological order:

June – 4 articles

July -- 4 articles

You should place a copy of each article with the proper citation information (publication, date, pages, etc.) along with the brief summary in your Country Portfolio in **chronological order.

** **Your notebook will be due on the first day of school!**

III. Acquire a copy of the book The Lexus and Olive Tree by Thomas Friedman and read Chapters 1-7. Take one page

of notes for each chapter. These notes are to be neat and will be turned in as a grade. Their will be a **quiz** on these chapters the first week of school.

IV. Be prepared to take a map test on where 125 of the nations of the world are by the 2nd week of school. Use the map web links on the Human Geography web page to practice.

Sincerely,

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