

June 2018

Dear Incoming AP Human Geography Parents and Students:

I am excited to welcome a new group of students into the AP Human Geography program for the 2018- 2019 school year.

Advanced Placement Geography requires students to apply application of learned concepts to the world around them. Awareness of current affairs is essential to success in this course. Therefore, to build a foundation for class discussion upon return in the fall, students are encouraged to begin the journal that they will maintain throughout the upcoming school year.

Students are also encouraged to start their journaling this summer on the Google Drive by creating a folder for AP Human Geography or by keeping a traditional journal. Whether on line or in a hard copy journal, provide both news articles and corresponding reflections.

AP Human Geography Journal Reflections: The student...

- Must select and attach copies of articles concerning world events. Include one from June, two from July and one from August.
- As you choose your articles, look for different types of stories. Cover a variety of topics such as
 - ✓ physical geography (volcanoes, earthquakes etc.)
 - ✓ political relationships between countries
 - ✓ economic changes within or relationships between countries
 - ✓ ethnic conflict or religious conflict
 - ✓ man impacting or adapting to his environment
- You must prepare a two paragraph reaction to each article matching the following requirements:
 - ✓ first paragraph
 - Provide the name of the news source and title of article and where it takes place
 - Explain your personal reason for choosing the article.
 - Overview the main idea as a transition to the second paragraph.
 - ✓ second paragraph
 - Paraphrase the issue.
 - Explain its relevance (why it's important to everyone).
 - Evaluate the situation by sharing your surprise, shock, anger, sadness, insight, and/or understanding of the event.
- The collection of articles will be used to discuss the introduction to geography and introductory vocabulary.
- Late move-ins and schedule changes will have an opportunity to provide journal articles at the beginning of the school year.

Sincerely,

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