

AP Human Geography Summer work for 2018-19

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1. The starting point for this class is geography literacy. The goal for the summer work is to have the student be familiar with major geographic areas so that they can interact with the material during the school year. This summer work will be a great step to building knowledge of place names and locations. (As well as a strong foundation for their grade.) I strongly encourage each student to get a head start on the class so they won't fall behind at the beginning of the school year.
2. Each student needs to complete a map of the United States and a World map. This assignment is due the first day of school. Students are expected to label each point on the list that has been provided for you. Be careful to remember when a continent is listed and it says countries, please label all countries. You may create a key, legend, or number the labeling etc. Europe is a small continent you may add an additional Europe map if you desire. Abbreviations for direction portions of countries and states are ok. (north or south) Please write the rest out. All maps will need to be colored as well. You may have artistic license when coloring, though it needs be colored. (some find it helpful to laminate, though not required) A map not fully colored(land masses) will receive point deductions.
3. Each student will be provided a 2x3ft poster to label the world map and a separate map for the USA. The world map will carry a 100 point minor assignment. The USA map is a 50 point minor assignment. (Most of the homework assignments are 20 point assignments.) There is only one world map per student so please be careful not to make a grievous error when completing the map. A replacement poster may be difficult to get but we can work out a solution if necessary.
4. During the first week of school there will be 2 tests. Probably the 2nd and 3rd class period. One on the United States and one on the world. There are 100 points on each map to label. These will be major grades. Students that do not complete the maps during summer will still be required to do the maps at the beginning of school and still be responsible for the tests at the beginning of the school year.
5. There is a free geography program that can be downloaded called Seterra. Many students use this to practice and quiz themselves. Human geography is taught as a topical study instead of regional. Knowing physical locations helps students apply the information they will be learning about human locations and activities around the world.
6. For those who are wondering about the nature of geography. I would recommend a supplemental book called Why Geography Matters by Harm de Blij. This is not required but gives a good understanding.
7. Finally, my geography classes engage in a fun, friendly, competition called The Blue Ribbon award. Top maps are nominated, voted on, and a winner declared. Candy and bragging rights follow.
8. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at andrewakers@pickens.k12.sc.us

World mapping assignments-
AP Human Geography- Label
all the following-

7- Continents

Oceans (include Southern)

Major seas-

Gulf of Mexico

Caribbean

Mediterranean

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Black sea

Caspian Sea

Aral Sea

Persian Gulf

Red Sea

USA- map

50 states

Rivers/Lakes/Swamps

Colorado River

Rio Grande River

Columbia River

Missouri River

Arkansas River

Mississippi River

Ohio River

St Lawrence River

Yukon River

Great Lakes- Superior,

Michigan, Huron, Erie,

Ontario

Great Salt Lake

Lake Okeechobee

Florida Everglades

Mountain Ranges

Rocky Mountains

Sierra Nevada

Cascades

Appalachian

Brooks Range

Major Cities

Seattle

Portland

San Francisco

Los Angeles

San Diego

Las Vegas

Phoenix

Denver

Houston

Dallas

San Antonio

Austin

New Orleans

Oklahoma City

Kansas City

Omaha

St Louis

Memphis

Chicago

Minneapolis

Detroit

Indianapolis

Columbus

Nashville

Charlotte

Atlanta

Jacksonville

Orlando

Miami

Washington DC

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh

New York City

Boston

North America

Canada

Provinces- British Columbia,

Alberta, Saskatchewan,

Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec,

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,

Prince Edward Island,
Newfoundland and Labrador
Territories- Yukon,
Northwest Territories,
Nunavut
Cities- Montreal, Toronto,
Ottawa, Quebec, Calgary,
Edmonton, Vancouver.

Mexico

Mexico City

Guadalajara

Tijuana

Juarez

Matamoros

Monterrey

Cabo San Lucas

Central America/Caribbean

All Countries in Central
America

Jamaica, Cuba, Dominican
Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico,
Cayman Islands, Bahamas,
Panama Canal

South America

All Countries

Andes Mountains

Amazon River

Rio de la Plata

Cities-

Buenos Aires

Sao Paulo

Rio de Janiero

Brasilia

Caracas

Bogota

Lima

Santiago

Montevideo

Europe

Countries

Cities

- London
- Amsterdam
- Brussels
- Paris
- Geneva
- Madrid
- Rome
- Vienna
- Berlin
- Warsaw
- Prague
- Budapest
- Oslo
- Moscow
- Kiev

Rivers-

- Thames
- Seine
- Rhine
- Danube
- Dnieper
- Volga

Alpine Mountains (Alps)

Ural Mountains

Africa

Countries (draw in South

Sudan)

Cities-

- Cairo
- Mogadishu
- Nairobi
- Johannesburg
- Cape Town
- Lagos
- Tripoli

Nile River

Niger River

Congo River

Zambezi River

Sahara desert

Kalahari Desert

Asia

6 sub continents- East.

Middle East (Southwest),

South, South East, Russia and

Central Asia

Countries

Cities-

- Jerusalem
- Mecca
- Beirut
- Damascus
- Baghdad
- Tehran
- Dubai
- Riyadh
- Islamabad
- Karachi
- Dhaka
- Delhi
- Madras
- Bombay (Mumbai)
- Bangkok
- Kuala Lumpur
- Singapore
- Jakarta
- Seoul
- Pyongyang
- Tokyo
- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Hong Kong

Rivers

- Ganges River
- Huang He River
- Yangtze River
- Mekong River
- Indus River
- Tigris River

Euphrates River

Himalaya Mountains

Gobi Desert

Tibetan Plateau

Siberia

Australia/Oceania

Countries

Sydney

Melbourne

Brisbane

Perth

Rule of thumb- If the area has worldwide importance

include it. Some small

Islands are micro-states

which are very important to the world financial system.

Tiny Islands in the middle of

the Ocean that aren't

significant don't need to be labeled.

The world map will have a

list of points to know for the

test available for the first day of school.