

Welcome to AP Human Geography,

In this class we will study the world from many different perspectives. While geography is a social studies class and often considered similar to other classes like history, it takes a unique look at the world. While history seeks to understand the world through studying past human behavior, geography seeks to understand the world through finding patterns, past and present. These patterns allow us to ask and answer many questions about why the world looks the way that it does right now. Some of those patterns are historical like colonization. Some of those patterns are cultural like the number of Mandarin Chinese speakers in the world today. Some of those patterns are economic, such as the amount of money a person. All of these matters impact and are impacted by humans.

For many of you, this is your first AP class and will be your first AP exam. AP classes are challenging but research shows that the challenges of AP courses leads better outcomes in college and beyond. To prepare for this class, there is some basic knowledge about the world that you will need. It is important that you not only complete the assignment but that you internalize the information. It will be used throughout the course. There will also be maps quizzes throughout the year.

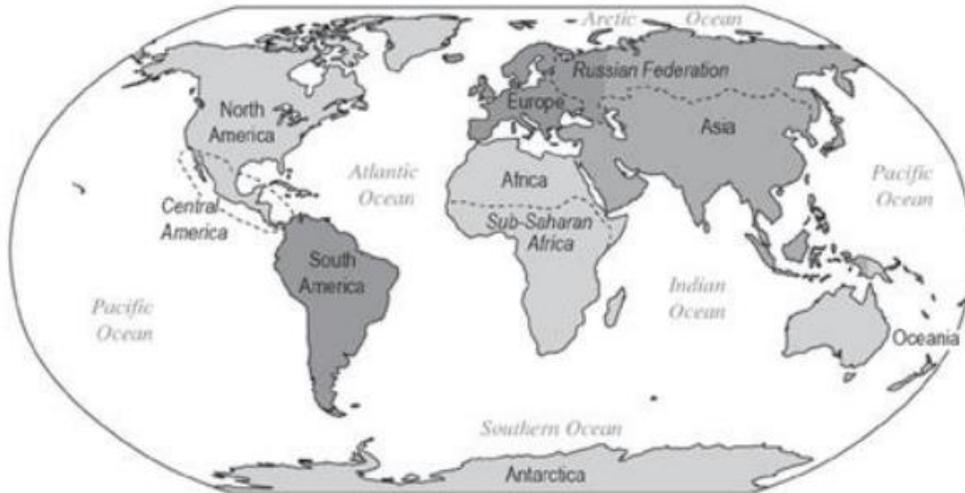
The assignment is due August 23rd and will be a major grade. If you have questions throughout the summer you can contact me via email. I look forward to having you in class.

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One of the first things we will study is regions of the world. You need to be familiar with these regions (you do not need to map them at this time)

AP Human Geography: World Regions — A Big Picture View



AP Human Geography: World Regions — A Closer Look



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Geography draws from multiple areas of study. Below are factors that we use to evaluate places and find patterns (once again, these are for your information. You do not have to do anything with them in this assignment)

Demographic Factors

- Total Population, Distribution, Density
- Natural Increase/Growth Rate
- Birth Rate
- Death Rate
- Life Expectancy
- Infant Mortality
- Fertility Rate
- Dependency Ratio
- Migration
- Sex/Gender
- Ethnicity/Race
- Caring Capacity
- Age
- Education
- Socioeconomic status (SES)
- Employment Status
- Marital Status
- Religion

Cultural Factors

- Language
- Beliefs/Religion/Attitudes
- Fashion
- Food
- History
- Technology/Tools
- Government
- Economic System
- Traditions
- Music
- Architectural Preferences
- Education

Social Factors

- Literacy Rate
- Gender
- Development/Income/Employment
- Age
- Status/Class
- Ethnicity/Race
- Freedoms
- Culture
- Health Care
- Beliefs
- Standard of Living
- Education
- Income
- Sense of Community

Economic Factors

- Development
- Jobs/Unemployment
- GDP—Financial Status—Rich/Poor
- Availability of Resources (Physical and Human)
- Activities (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Quaternary)
- Resources
- Inflation
- Tax Structure
- Land Value

Socioeconomic Factors

- Jobs
- Income
- Products
- Spatial Distribution
- Education
- Health Care
- Investments
- Class
- Ethnicity/Race
- Gender

Political Factors

- Type of Government
- Size/Power—economic and population
- Conflict—foes
- Cooperation/Alliances— friends
- Restrictions/Laws
- Taxation

Ecological/Environmental Factors

- Climate
- Resources—vegetation, soil, minerals, animals, etc.
- Landforms—mountains, coastal plains, water bodies, etc. —access
- Environmental issues— human impact on the environment

Cultural Landscape

- Rural/Urban
- Development—primary, secondary, and quaternary economic activities
- Architecture styles
- Infrastructure— transportation, utilities, etc.
- Human impact
- Environmental issues
- Demographic—density of population, ethnicity, religion (buildings, burial sites, sacred spaces, etc.)

Globalization

- Connections/ Communication/ Diffusion of Ideas
- Outsourcing of Jobs
- International Division of Jobs
- Alliances—Trading and Political Friends
- Conflict—Foes
- World Cities

Watch the following video (available on YouTube) and respond to the questions

The danger of a single story - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9lhs241zeg>

1. What does Chimamanda mean by a single story?
2. What are some examples of “single stories” that we hear in the U.S.
3. How was Chimamanda shaped by where she lived?
4. How did travel and living abroad impact Chimamanda?
5. How are you shaped by where you live?

Use the following list to label the world map- For the major regions outline them in a different color or shade them. Add a key showing which color belongs to which region.

General Stuff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Oceans <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Continents <input type="checkbox"/> Equator <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Capricorn <input type="checkbox"/> Prime meridian <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Circle <input type="checkbox"/> Antarctic Circle <input type="checkbox"/> International Date Line 	Major Deserts/ other random places: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon Rainforest <input type="checkbox"/> Gobi Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Great Rift Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Sahara Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Kalahari Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Atacama Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Scandinavian Peninsula <input type="checkbox"/> Taklimakan Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Great Sandy Desert (Australia) <input type="checkbox"/> Siberia 	Major Mountain Ranges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Himalayas <input type="checkbox"/> Andes Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Alps <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasus Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Ural Mountains 	Major Islands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Greenland <input type="checkbox"/> Aleutian Islands <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan <input type="checkbox"/> Java <input type="checkbox"/> Tasmania <input type="checkbox"/> New Guinea <input type="checkbox"/> Borneo <input type="checkbox"/> British Isles <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland
Major Rivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow River <input type="checkbox"/> Volga River <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges River <input type="checkbox"/> Congo River <input type="checkbox"/> Yangtze River <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi River <input type="checkbox"/> Danube River <input type="checkbox"/> Thames River <input type="checkbox"/> Rhine River <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon River <input type="checkbox"/> Nile River <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River (SW US) <input type="checkbox"/> St Lawrence River 	Chokepoints (Straits and Channels): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Straits of Gibraltar <input type="checkbox"/> Panama Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Suez Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> English Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Bosphorus & Dardanelles <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Hormuz <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra del Fuego <input type="checkbox"/> Falkland Islands 	Major bodies of water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf of Mexico <input type="checkbox"/> Black Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Hudson Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Baltic Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Victoria <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Baikal <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Red Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Great Lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Arabian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> South China Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Aral Sea 	Major World Regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> South East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Sahel <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America <input type="checkbox"/> Central America <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Western Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Former USSR <input type="checkbox"/> Oceania <input type="checkbox"/> Canada & United States

Use this list to label the second world map.

Major World Cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ottawa <input type="checkbox"/> Cape town <input type="checkbox"/> Lisbon <input type="checkbox"/> New Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> Athens <input type="checkbox"/> Berlin <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow <input type="checkbox"/> Istanbul <input type="checkbox"/> Shanghai <input type="checkbox"/> Baghdad <input type="checkbox"/> Jerusalem <input type="checkbox"/> Tehran <input type="checkbox"/> Seoul <input type="checkbox"/> Brasilia <input type="checkbox"/> Lima <input type="checkbox"/> Dubai <input type="checkbox"/> Beijing <input type="checkbox"/> Tokyo <input type="checkbox"/> Paris <input type="checkbox"/> Algiers <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles <input type="checkbox"/> Houston <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> Casablanca <input type="checkbox"/> Washington DC <input type="checkbox"/> Quebec <input type="checkbox"/> Mecca <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> San Salvador <input type="checkbox"/> Hong Kong <input type="checkbox"/> Rio de Janeiro <input type="checkbox"/> Beijing <input type="checkbox"/> Madrid <input type="checkbox"/> Wellington <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Bangkok <input type="checkbox"/> Amsterdam <input type="checkbox"/> New Delhi <input type="checkbox"/> Kiev <input type="checkbox"/> Lagos <input type="checkbox"/> Bombay (Mumbai) <input type="checkbox"/> Sydney <input type="checkbox"/> New York City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Johannesburg <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow <input type="checkbox"/> Rome <input type="checkbox"/> Cairo <input type="checkbox"/> Calcutta <input type="checkbox"/> Sao Paulo <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico City <input type="checkbox"/> Shanghai 	Major Countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Argentina <input type="checkbox"/> Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Chile <input type="checkbox"/> Colombia <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua <input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Peru <input type="checkbox"/> Uruguay <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela <input type="checkbox"/> Belgium <input type="checkbox"/> France <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input type="checkbox"/> Greece <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Poland <input type="checkbox"/> Portugal <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input type="checkbox"/> Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> Vatican City <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh <input type="checkbox"/> Burma <input type="checkbox"/> China (P.R. of C.) <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan (R. of C.) <input type="checkbox"/> India <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia <input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia <input type="checkbox"/> Nepal <input type="checkbox"/> North Korea <input type="checkbox"/> South Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Thailand <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan <input type="checkbox"/> Iran <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq <input type="checkbox"/> Israel <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistan <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia <input type="checkbox"/> Syria <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Libya <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Republic of the Congo <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana <input type="checkbox"/> Laos <input type="checkbox"/> Niger <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda <input type="checkbox"/> Somalia <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda <input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand
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