

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

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AP Human Geography is not a traditional geography class. Instead of only learning the physical and political features of the map, this course focuses on ‘human interactions with their environments’ or the “Why of where!” APHG students are expected to enter class with a basic understanding of the physical and political geography of the world. There are 2 **parts** to the summer assignment:

1. Reading sections of Tim Marshall's, *Prisoners of Geography: 10 Maps That Explain Everything about the World*.
2. Labeling 12 maps correctly

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall. Read the Introduction, Chapter 1-Russia, Chapter 3-The United States, TWO CHAPTERS of your choice, and the Conclusion. (You will be reading 6 (six) chapters.)

- Write a 2-page paper in which you do the following:
 - o Provide a summary, highlighting the key points in Marshall's book about the importance of physical geography as it pertains to a country's interactions with its neighbors.
 - o Provide your opinion of Marshall's key argument (as stated above). Do you agree or disagree with Marshall? Why? Make sure to use at least three specific references from the book to validate your argument.
 - o Your 2-page paper should be in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced, and with standard margins.
- For Chapter 1 -Russia only, find 3 current events. (within the last year)
 - o For each current event, do the following:
 - Provide a summary of the event. (1 paragraph)
 - Discuss whether this event supports or refutes Marshall's key ideas expressed in the book for the region. Be sure to explain WHY you think what you do. (1 to 2 paragraphs)
 - Provide the title and citation for the current event article you used.
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- Choose 1 of the regions/chapters that you read. Using this REGION, find 3 current events. (within the last year)
 - o For each current event, do the following:
 - Provide a summary of the event. (1 paragraph)
 - Discuss whether this event supports or refutes Marshall's key ideas expressed in the book for the region. Be sure to explain WHY you think what you do. (1 to 2 paragraphs)
 - Provide the title and citation for the current event article you used.

Bring a hard copy of your paper to the first class.

Maps—Part 2

AP Human Geography students should be able to identify and locate the physical and political features in the world, the continents, and oceans, have a working knowledge of global regions, and the countries found within them. Students are to identify, review, and study the locations of these physical and political features for map quizzes throughout the year. The map packet is **on the day your class first meets**.

There are 12 maps. (Think about completing 2 maps a week.)

*Maps should be labeled and colored

*Maps and labels should be neat. Labels should be horizontal.

*Maps have a key/legend.

* Do not put letters or numbers on your map. If you cannot fit a name on the map, draw lines/arrows and write the names out to the side.

*Pay attention to the directions for each specific map.

* **Do not procrastinate, pace yourself**

*** Use the following colors and symbols for your maps:

- Label in black ink. (Do not use #2 pencil, it smudges.)
- Rivers- dark blue
- Mountain/s- brown triangle/ line of brown triangles
- Deserts—yellow or tan
- Bodies of water (lakes, waterfalls, channels, gulfs, canals, straights, bays, seas..)- light blue
- Color choices should reflect the natural landscape for physical features not listed. Ex: Forrest-green
- Use a dot for cities. Be as accurate as possible.

Have fun!