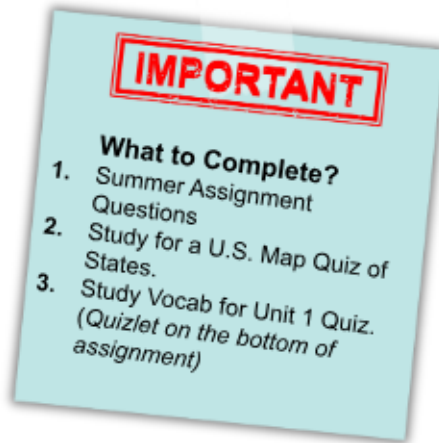


AP Human Geography Summer Assignment—2025-26

Welcome to AP Human Geography!



Our course aims to understand patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the earth's surface. It is also an Advanced Placement Class (AP), meaning you will be held to a higher standard. Like all AP classes, this course operates like a college class, meaning you should approach it like one. That means you will have to study for things, and winging or cramming will not work as well anymore (sorry). BUT I am here to help you! Come with a good attitude and openness to learning, and we will have a great time!

You will learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. Additionally, you will learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. Our course is organized around seven topics, which are:

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| 1. Thinking Geographically | 5. Agriculture, Rural Land-Use |
| 2. Population and Migration | 6. Cities & Urban Land Use |
| 3. Cultural Patterns and Processes | 7. Industrial & Economic Development |
| 4. Political Patterns and Processes | |

Your Resources:

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The Assignment

Please type out your responses to the questions below.

Part 1: Maps

Learn the U.S. States using: 🖱️ [US Map & Quiz - Can You Locate All 50 States? - Seterra](#)

Insert a screenshot of your highest score in the box

- Press Windows logo key + Shift + S
- Or go to the start button and search (***Snipping Tool***) then you can insert your screenshot below.

Part 2: Population

1. What is the population of the United States? | Where does it rank globally?

Population pyramids, or age-sex pyramids, provide basic data about the demographics of a country. Find a population pyramid for the United States and use it to answer the following questions:

2. Is the population balanced in terms of sex, or does one represent a significantly larger portion of the population than the other?

3. Find a bulge in the population pyramid and look at the age of the people the bulge represents. What age, and then in what years were those people born?
 - Look at what was happening historically in the United States at that time and explain how it may have contributed to this population bulge.

4. Population pyramids convey information about population growth; if the base is broad, many babies are being born, and the country may have population growth.
 - Look at the base of the US's population pyramid. Based on this data set, is the population growing or declining?

Part 3: Migration

Net migration rates can be positive or negative; a positive net migration indicates immigration greater than emigration, and vice versa

5. What is the net migration rate for the United States?

6. From what region of the world does the greatest number of immigrants to the United States come?

Part 4: Culture

In human geography, culture refers to ethnicity, language, and religion, in addition to elements of popular and traditional culture like music, clothing, and food. For the United States, find the following information:

7. Identify major ethnic groups, with their percentages

8. Identify major languages spoken, with their percentages.

9. Identify major religions practiced, with their percentages.

Part 5: Political Geography

10. In addition to the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the United States has many “dependent areas.” Choose one and give a brief (2-3 sentences!) summary of how it became a dependency of the United States.

11. What type of government does the United States have (don’t just say “democracy!” Look it up!)?

12. Select **three** international organizations in which the United States participates.
- For each, identify what the organization’s acronym stands for **and** explain the purpose of the organization.

Part 6: Development

13. (A) What is a GDP? (Explain in your own Words)
(B) What is the GDP of the United States?
(C) How does it rank globally?

A.

B.

C.

- D. A country's economy is divided into sectors: [primary](#) (extraction), [secondary](#) (manufacturing), and [tertiary](#) (services). What sector of the economy is dominant in the United States?
- In your own words, explain the differences between the three types.

- E. To what country does the United States [export](#) the most?

- F. From what country does the United States [import](#) the most?

Part 7: Land Use

- G. What percentage of the US's population lives in urban areas?

- H. Look at the rate of urbanization. Are cities in the US growing overall or shrinking?

- I. What percentage of the US is considered agricultural land?

- J. What are the **five most populous cities in the United States**, and what are their populations?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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