

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

To prepare for AP Human Geography, you should be familiar with global physical geography. The summer assignment will focus on reviewing the location of major geographic features and countries. There will be a matching style test, at the beginning of the school year, over all the countries on North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Each continent will have a word bank for reference. The list of geographic features below will need to be labeled in their approximate location on a map. The test is typically done over two days with North and South America and Africa on day one and Asia (which includes the Middle East) and Europe on the second day. The countries can be studied using review games on <http://www.ilike2learn.com/> or <https://lizardpoint.com/geography/index.php#> or <https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3003>. I recommend studying them on multiple maps from different sites. The physical features can be studied on <https://lizardpoint.com/geography/index.php#> under the world section. It is expected that students already know the U.S. States and Capitals, but if one needs to review them or did not ever learn them, this YouTube video has a song that students have found helpful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2CNZIIIVlg>. Students will have a test on the U.S. States and Capitals within the first month of school.

For AP classes, students are required to purchase their textbook. We will be using a new edition of the textbook this year: *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography* (Thirteenth Edition) by James M. Rubenstein. The new edition is better and cheaper and can be rented for 1 year for about \$40 and purchased around \$110. Unfortunately, college level text books are expensive (As I am in my 11th year of college and post-graduate work, I do relate and lament that fact with you. If cost is a problem, please let me know.). I will send instructions on how to purchase the textbook as we get closer to the start of the school year. In the spring, I will review AP test prep books; these are optional but recommended. I will provide plenty of test review material in class.

In addition to the textbook, students will need 6 packs of index cards (600 3x5 cards). All other supplies needed for the course will be a part of general supplies (pens, pencils, colored pencils, etc.). Most activities/assignments will be completed on our iPads.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me over the summer: davidblackwell@thefirstacademy.org
Have a great summer, and I am looking forward to a great year!

All the best,
David Blackwell

Mountain Ranges

Rocky Mountains
Appalachian Mountains
Andes
Urals
Himalayas
Hindu Kush
Alps
Caucasus Mountains
Pyrenees Mountains
Great Dividing Range (Australia)

Rivers

Mississippi River
Amazon River
Nile River
Yellow River
Congo River
Yangtze River
Rhine River

Rivers Continued

Thames River
Rio Grande
Tigris/Euphrates
Ganges
Jordan

Deserts

Sahara
Negev
Arabian
Mojave
Gobi
Great Victoria
Kalahari
Atacama

Cultural Hearths

Ganges River
Ancient Egypt
Mesopotamia
South East Asia