

AP Human Geography 2009-2010 Summer Reading Assignment

In case you have not heard, Human Geography is a *different* social studies discipline. It draws on History, but is not all about the past. It analyzes Governments, but does not focus on how to navigate the political process. It looks at assumptions of people, but does not develop cognitive theories around the individual. And it looks at trade and economic differences, but does not focus on models of price maximization.

This class is about *every* social studies subject you have ever had. You will weave Political Science, World History, U.S. History, Economics, Sociology, and Psychology all together into one colossal web of understanding. We'll make the connections between all those disciplines.

I want to learn about your writing style. So here's how you get started for the summer:

Get a copy of this book:

The Power of Place: Geography, Destiny, and Globalization's Rough Landscape by Harm de Blij copyright 2009 Oxford University Press

On the first day of school you will turn in a chapter by chapter summary of the book. For each chapter you will essentially be answering this question: *How does geography impact someone's life?* Remember, geography is more than just mountains and cities and countries. It is language, religion, politics, environment, etc.

Guidelines for Chapter Summaries:

1. This is NOT an essay. Divide your summary by chapters
Chapter One: Globals, Locals and Mobals
Yada yada yada
Chapter Two: The Imperial Legacy of Language
Yada yada yada henceforth and so on
2. Double Space your writing!!!!
3. Write Neatly or Type (in either case double space). If I cannot read your handwriting, I reserve the right to hand back your assignment and make you turn it in typed for a late grade.
4. Each Chapter summary should be a 12-15 sentence paragraph. Don't get bogged down counting sentences, try to capture the essence of each chapter.

****This will be your first TEST grade of the semester****