



AP Summer Assignment

Course: AP Human Geography

Assignment title	Map skills packet with vocabulary terms, article reviews, and primary and secondary source document analysis
Date due	First day of class
Estimated time for completion	8-10 hours
Resources needed to complete assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> School assigned textbook <input type="checkbox"/> Student purchased book(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other supplies: <u>Internet access; news sources</u>
How the assignment will be assessed	This assignment will be assessed as a test grade.
Purpose of assignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review of foundational material/concepts/skills. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduce new material/concepts/skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Expose students to required material/concepts/skills/texts that cannot be covered during the academic year. <input type="checkbox"/> Have students read material that will be discussed or used in class at the beginning of the year.



Required Summer Assignments

York County students enrolled in Advanced Placement Human Geography for the next school year are required to complete a Skills Packet prior to the beginning of school in September.

ASSIGNMENT 1 – Country Portfolio:

1. Select a three-ring binder (at least 2”) to be used as your notebook for this course.
2. The first section in your notebook will be titled: “[Country Name] Portfolio”
3. Select a nation of the world and print out the information (with all fields expanded) on your chosen country from the CIA World Factbook’s Country Profile (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>).
With all fields expanded, this will probably be at least 10 pages. Place this country profile in your notebook.
4. Over the summer, you will need to locate, read, and summarize 5 news articles pertaining to your chosen country that demonstrate the importance of geography to your country’s development and current status. Topics could include (but are not limited to) agriculture, natural resources, economic development, relations and disputes with neighboring countries, cultural heritage, migration and refugees, natural disasters, population issues, or civil conflict between ethnic groups.
5. For each article, write a paragraph (50-100 words) summarizing the content and explaining how it illustrates the importance of geography. The following are suggested sources for international news: www.nytimes.com/pages/world; www.iht.com; www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/search/list/index.html.
6. Place a copy of each article (1 from the month of June and 2 each from July and August) with the proper citation information (publication, date, pages, etc...) along with your summary in your Country Portfolio in chronological order.

***Newspaper article citation (print version):**

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with p. or pp.

- If an article appears on discontinuous pages, give all page numbers, and separate the numbers with a comma (e.g., pp. B1, B3, B5–B7).

Example (electronic version):

Brody, J. E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>



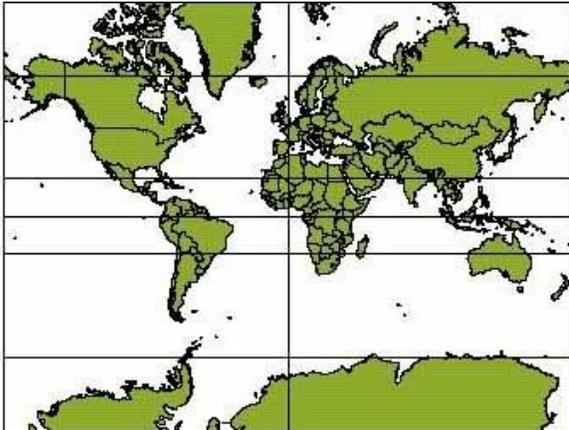
ASSIGNMENT 2 – Short Answer Questions:

Use the following websites (as well as any other sources you can find) to help you answer these questions.

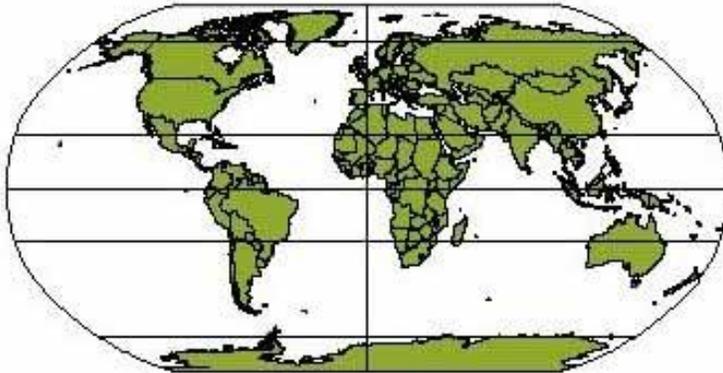
<https://egsc.usgs.gov/isb/pubs/MapProjections/projections.pdf>

<http://geography.about.com/library/weekly/aa031599.htm>

1. What purpose does a map projection serve?
2. What kind of map projection is seen below?



3. What are the advantages/disadvantages of the above map projection?
4. What kind of map projection is seen below?



5. What are the advantages/disadvantages of the above map projection?
6. Sense of place is a feeling for the features that contribute to the distinctiveness of a particular spot on Earth. What information would you include in describing York County to someone who had never been here?
7. A toponym is the name given to a place on Earth. Where does the name for the unincorporated York County community of Grafton come from? (Try <http://articles.dailypress.com/keyword/place-names>. If you can't access the site or find the information here, try checking out [The Heritage of](#)



Virginia: The Story of Place Names in the Old Dominion by James Hagemann, 1986. The Yorktown Library has 2 copies.)

8. Use the following website to determine the mathematical location (latitude and longitude coordinates) of your home: <http://www.batchgeocode.com/lookup/>
9. A region is an area of Earth defined by one or more distinctive characteristics. What region do you live in? (I have intentionally left this question vague and wide open to interpretation.) Identify the region in which you live according to your own sense of place and describe the region.
10. Speculate about how the physical geography of York County has influenced life here (examples: weather, proximity to water, elevation...).

ASSIGNMENT 3 – World Culture Regions Map Assignment:

Use the attached blank world map to label the following culture regions and major bodies of water. Rivers will need to be hand-drawn onto the map.

Culture Regions:

- North America
- Middle America
- South America
- Europe
- Russia
- North Africa
- Southwest Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- Australia
- Pacific Realm

Bodies of Water:

- Atlantic Ocean
- Pacific Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Mediterranean Sea
- Black Sea
- Baltic Sea
- Caspian Sea
- Red Sea
- North Sea
- Nile River
- Indus River
- Yellow River
- Yangtze River
- Amazon River
- Tigris River

