

**OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
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Welcome to AP Human Geography

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What is AP Human Geography?

The Big Picture

Your child will analyze spatial relationships between humans and their environments through maps, models, and real-world case studies.

Why This Course Matters

- College Credit - Earn credit with qualifying AP exam scores
- Global Perspective - Understand current world events and patterns
- Critical Thinking - Develop analytical and spatial reasoning skills
- College Preparation - Experience rigorous academic expectations

Course Focus

- Students become "geographic generalists" who can:
- Think spatially using maps and data
- Understand patterns across different scales
- Analyze connections between places

Course Content Overview

Unit 1: Geographic Thinking (5-10%)

- **Maps, GIS, GPS technology**
- **Geographic concepts and models**
- **Spatial analysis skills**

Unit 2: Population (13-17%)

- **Population distribution and density**
- **Demographic transition model**
- **Migration patterns and causes**

Unit 3: Culture (13-17%)

- **Language, religion, ethnicity**
- **Cultural diffusion and landscapes**
- **Folk vs. popular culture**

Unit 4: Political Geography (13-17%)

- **Nation-states and boundaries**
- **Territorial conflicts and sovereignty**
- **Electoral geography and gerrymandering**

Units 5-7: Economic & Urban Geography

Unit 5: Agriculture (13-17%)

- **Agricultural revolutions and systems**
- **Von Thünen's model**
- **Food security and sustainability**

Unit 6: Industry & Development (13-17%)

- **Industrial revolutions**
- **Economic development patterns**
- **Globalization and trade**

Unit 7: Cities & Urban Planning (13-17%)

- **Urban growth and models**
- **City structure and planning**
- **Suburbanization and gentrification**

What to expect

YOU MUST READ

- Daily reading assignments from textbook
- Current events and news sources
- Geographic articles and case studies

Class Activities Include:

Map analysis and creation

Debates and discussions

Individual and group projects

Case study investigations

Current events analysis

Fast-Paced Learning

We cover a lot of material quickly

Strong study habits essential from day one

Students must stay organized and manage time well

AI Policy & Academic Integrity

STRICT AI POLICY

ZERO TOLERANCE for AI Use

Banned Tools: ChatGPT, Claude, Bard, or ANY AI assistance

Consequences:

- **Automatic F on assignment**
- **Detention issued**
- **Academic integrity violation**

Why This Policy?

- **Build authentic analytical skills**
- **Prepare for AP exam success**
- **Develop college-ready research abilities**
- **Foster genuine learning and growth**

What IS Allowed:

- **Your own research and thinking**
- **Class collaboration and discussion**
- **Teacher guidance and feedback**
- **Traditional research sources**

Grading & Assessment

Grade Breakdown

- Tests & Projects: 60%
- Daily Work, Homework & Quizzes: 40%

Grading Scale

- A: 100-89.5%
- B: 89.4-79.5%
- C: 79.4-69.5%
- D: 69.4-59.5%
- F: 59.4-0%

Late Work Policy

- Maximum 10% penalty for late summative work
- Must be submitted within 2 weeks of due date
- Minimum 50% if legitimate attempt made before next unit

Required Materials

- Three-ring binder with organization system
- Textbook: Barron's AP Human Geography (provided)
- Basic school supplies for daily work

AP Exam Information

Exam Format

- 60 Multiple Choice Questions
- 3 Free Response Questions
- 3-hour exam in May

AP Scoring

- 5: Extremely well qualified
- 4: Well qualified
- 3: Qualified (considered "passing")
- 2: Possibly qualified
- 1: Not qualified

College Credit Benefits

- Save money on college tuition
- Advanced placement opportunities
- Demonstrate college readiness
- Competitive advantage for admissions

Contact information

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