

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment—2020

Welcome to [AP Human Geography!](#) The purpose of our course is to understand patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of the earth's surface. 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 7 topics, which are:

1. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives
2. Population and Migration
3. Cultural Patterns and Processes
4. Political Organization of Space
5. Agriculture, Food Production, and Rural Land Use
6. Industrialization and Economic Development
7. Cities and Urban Land Use

Part of our course is also an Ambassador Project, through which you will apply the above course topics to a country of your choice as we move through the year. Your summer assignment supplements this Ambassador Project—you will be gathering data on the United States to give your country data better context. Complete each of the 7 parts outlined below based on independent research.

The Assignment

For each part of the assignment I've provided links to the source(s) you'll need. Resist the urge to google, part of this class is conducting reliable research! Many times I direct you to the CIA World Fact Book—this is a dense but extremely helpful source for this assignment. Hovering over the titles and terms will often lead to pop-up definitions or explanations of terms I use here (like “rate of urbanization,” for number 18!)

Part 1: Maps

This is the ONLY section in which I want you to use Google! Search for “thematic maps of the United States” and browse until you find one that interests you. Copy/paste the map into your response document and explain in 2-3 sentences why you selected it. Copy/paste the link to the website hosting the map below your response.

Part 2: Population

Sources needed for this section:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/attachments/summaries/US-summary.pdf>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

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. Copy/paste it into your answer document, and analyze 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

Sources needed for this section:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

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

Sources needed for this section:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

http://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=169&cn=United_States_of_America (username/password is fairfax)

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

Sources needed for this section:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

<https://usgeography.abc-clio.com/> (ABC-Clio username and password is scs85)

10. What type of government does the United States have (don't just say "democracy!" Look it up!)?
11. 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.
12. 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.

Part 6: Development

Sources needed for this section:

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<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

13. What is the GDP of the United States? How does it rank globally?
14. 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?
15. To what country does the United States export the most?
16. From what country does the United States import the most?

Part 7: Land Use

Sources needed for this section:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/us.html>

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSBEZL7XeZ1GGhy_BhP4WQKvqISN_soSebjT_Hfgq1cKUKSv77IPVLzrfSsjsjxQA/pubhtml)

[1vSBEZL7XeZ1GGhy_BhP4WQKvqISN_soSebjT_Hfgq1cKUKSv77IPVLzrfSsjsjxQA/pubhtml](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSBEZL7XeZ1GGhy_BhP4WQKvqISN_soSebjT_Hfgq1cKUKSv77IPVLzrfSsjsjxQA/pubhtml) (Census Data extracted from <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-total-cities-and-towns.html>)

17. What percentage of the US's population lives in urban areas?
18. Look at the rate of urbanization. Are cities in the US growing overall, or shrinking?
19. What percentage of the US is considered agricultural land?
20. What are the 5 most populous cities in the United States, with their populations? Where does Washington, DC rank?

The Rules

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- Use a google doc through your fcpschools account or a Word document for your responses to this assignment.
 - Your responses must be typed and **must represent your own independent work and thoughts**.
 - Select a standard font and format for your responses (e.g., Times New Roman, Calibri, Cambria...). Number them to correspond to the question and use the titles for each "Part"
 - Your assignment is due in the third week of school at our first class meeting of the week.
 - You must have your name and date at the top of the first page of your responses.
 - The rubric is on the next page; copy and paste the honor code statement onto your assignment.
 - By this point in your education, you know what a thorough response is; I am interested in the quality of your responses more than the length, but all responses that need it should be in full sentences and have all needed evidence or detail.
 - Contact me with questions at mmdevoti@fcps.edu, but please allow a few days for a response.

Task	Meets Expectations	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet	Inadequate/ Unacceptable	Missing
	(10-8%)	(7-5%)	(4-2%)	(1%)	(0%)
Part 1 Mapping Map is neat, accurate, and contains all important information					
	(80-70%)	(69-60%)	(59-50%)	(49-1%)	(0%)
Part 2-7 Responses (1-20) Fully address question being asked Information is specific and accurate					
	(10-8%)	(7-5%)	(4-2%)	(1%)	(0%)
Mechanics and Format Conforms to stated requirements Appropriate academic writing Appropriate grammar and spelling					

“On my honor, I pledge that I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this assignment.”

your signature/initials

your printed name

date