

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2021

Each AP Human Geography student is responsible for **THREE** items this summer

1. **U.S. States and Capitals Map Quiz** - On the first Friday of the school year, students will complete a quiz on **all** U.S. States and capitals. No word bank will be given and each item needs to be spelled correctly.
2. **Vocabulary Terms** – You will have a vocabulary quiz on the following terms and definitions.

Cartogram Maps: purposely distorts shape and size to show data

Choropleth Maps: expresses data using a theme of colors (ex: shades of purple)

Dot Density Maps: shows people's or objects' densities using dots

Flo-line Maps: use lines to show direction and movement patterns

Geographic Information Systems: takes an image of an area and produces data in layers

Geography: social/scientific interpretation of people and places

Globalization: set of processes that are increasing interactions of people without regard to country borders, AKA pop culture

Global Positioning Systems: uses satellites to determine precise position of something on Earth

Isoline Maps: calculates data across a surface (ex: weather map)

Latitude: imaginary lines running horizontally across Earth measuring north and south of the Equator

Local Diversity: continuation of traditional characteristics despite globalization, AKA folk culture

Longitude: imaginary lines running vertically across Earth measuring east and west of the Prime Meridian

Place: specific point on Earth distinguished by a particular characteristic

Region: an area of Earth distinguished by a distinctive combination of cultural and physical features

Scale: relationship between the area being studied and the Earth as a whole

3. Digital Country Portfolio

Based on your last name, you will choose **one (1) country** in the assigned region to make your portfolio. (For example, if your last name is Young, you will choose a country in South America to research.)

LAST NAME	REGION
A-D	Africa
E-H	Asia (Includes Middle East)
I-L	Australia & Oceania (Includes Pacific Islands)
M-P	Central America (Includes Caribbean)
Q-T	Europe (Includes Russia)
U-Z	South America

After you choose your country, start a Google Doc or Word document and create an MLA Title Page. The title of your portfolio should be as follows:

“(Your Country) Portfolio”

Over the summer, you are expected to locate and read at least **THREE** news articles about different topics pertaining to your country that demonstrate the **IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHY** to your

country's development and current situation. **Any article from the last calendar year** will suffice. The number of potential geographical topics is virtually limitless, but might include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Population issues: overpopulation/under-population● Migration● Cultural heritage: food, sports, activities, festivals, etc● Agriculture: anything to do with farming (includes fishing)● Cities: planning, improvement, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Partnerships or disputes with surrounding countries● Politics: elections, boundaries, etc.● Natural disasters● Natural resources - fossil fuels, solar power, nuclear power, etc.● Economic development (jobs, stock market, etc.)
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For each of these articles, you are required to type **TWO** well-developed MLA formatted paragraphs. The first paragraph should summarize the article (100 words minimum). The second paragraph should explain how the article impacts your country on a global scale (50 words minimum). Proofread your work carefully for spelling, grammar, and punctuation. **There is a template on the next page that can help you format your paragraphs and articles.**

Good Sources of International News:

- Google “news” link. Type your country in Google then click “News” on the top. You will find this very useful.
- *International Herald Tribune*: <http://www.iht.com>
- *BBC World News*: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>
- The following *Washington Post* site makes life particularly easy by organizing articles by country: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/search/list/index.html>
- International newspaper index: <http://www.newspaperindex.com/>
- Do not limit yourself to just these sources. Feel free to research other sources for your country.

You are also required to have an **MLA Works Cited** page with the correct citation for each of your articles. **Make sure to include links in each MLA citation.** The Works Cited page should be the last page of your digital portfolio.

Use this website if you need help with MLA formatting (try your best!):

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html

Your portfolio will be due on the fourth day of school at 8AM. We will go over turn in instructions in the first days of school.

I am excited to meet all of the new students and parents/guardians, so please feel free to email me with any comments, questions, or concerns.

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Country Portfolio Template

Article 1 *(be sure to change the number with each article)*

Article Title:

Article Author:

Article URL:

Paragraph #1: Summary

*Type paragraph here.
You can keep or remove the box.*

Paragraph #2: Impact

*Type paragraph here.
You can keep or remove the box.*

Paste Article Here
Remove all photos
Change the font to Times New Roman or Arial, 12 pt.
Put entire article in *italics*