

AP Human Geography - Syllabus 2012-2013
Instructor: Riley Clark, Room 208

Texts:

Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context. Paul K. Knox & Sallie A. Marston, 6th edition

Supplemental Materials (Reading from the following texts)

An Introduction to Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape. James M. Rubenstein, 8th edition

Human Geography in Action. Michael Kuby, 4th edition

Methodology:

The information in this course will be presented in a variety of ways. There will be lectures, class projects, computer labs, and audio visual aids. Geography is a fascinating science and we will explore the field through various methods.

AP Course Demands:

It should be understood at the outset that the expectations for this course are consistent with those of any Advanced Placement course. Students should expect a workload similar to what they would have if they were to complete this course at the college level. This includes extensive reading, active involvement in class discussions, note taking, research, and computer labs. One goal of this course is to prepare students to take the AP exam in May. Students who receive a passing grade on the exam are eligible to receive credit for Human Geography on their college transcript.

Overarching Themes: GLOBALIZATION and DEVELOPMENT (why such disparity??)

Course Plan:

UNIT 1: Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives

- 3 weeks
- Knox Ch. 1 & 2
- Rubenstein Ch. 1; Kuby Ch. 1 and 3

UNIT 2: Population: population growth and migration

- 4 -5 weeks
- Knox Ch. 3
- Rubenstein Ch. 2 and 3; Kuby Ch. 4 and 5

UNIT 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes: folk and popular culture, language, religion, and ethnicity

- 9 weeks
- Knox Ch. 5 & 6
- Rubenstein Ch. 4,5,6, and 7; Kuby Ch. 2

UNIT 4: Political Organization of Space – how countries created, borders, political disputes, governments

- 3 weeks
- Knox Ch. 9
- Rubenstein Ch. 8; Kuby Ch. 12 and 13

UNIT 5: Agricultural and Rural Land Use

- 3 weeks
- Knox Ch. 8
- Rubenstein Ch. 10 and 14; Kuby Ch. 8

UNIT 6: Industrialization and Economic Development

- 3 weeks
- Ch. 7
- Rubenstein Ch. 9 and 11; Kuby Ch. 6 and 7

UNIT 7: Cities and Urban Land Use

- 3 weeks
- Knox Ch. 10 & 11
- Rubenstein Ch. 12 and 13; Kuby Ch. 9,10, and 11

AP Exam Review - 2 weeks

AP Exam: Friday, May 17, 2012, 8:00am

Quarter Projects: A significant project will be assigned each quarter. These are designed to introduce you to the various methods of research that are conducted in geography as well as to explore particular topics in depth.