

AP Human Geography

Advanced Placement Human Geography Frequently Asked Questions

What is AP Human Geography?

This is a college level history course that explores human – environment interaction. This course explores the effect of different cultures on their physical environments and, how our physical environments have shaped culture.

Why should I take AP Human Geography?

Students who understand and are willing to accept that academic classes will become increasingly rigorous through high school and college often take AP classes to prepare themselves for these challenges. AP classes are weighted more than other classes and they look great on college applications if you're willing to put in the necessary work. The AP Exam, taken at the end of the year, offers the opportunity to earn college credit (often worth thousands of dollars in tuition) while still in high school.

How much and what type of work will I be doing?

A 90-minute class typically includes discussion of a current event for about 15 minutes and notes and lecture about a specific historical topic for about 30 minutes. The remainder of the class is usually spent doing an activity such as class debate, group work or reading discussions.

You should expect to work one-to-two hours each night. Homework typically consists of a reading assignment and a written activity, such as a first-person journal entry or writing sentences that include vocabulary words.

Here is an example of a homework assignment:

Read the textbook (*Introduction to Human Geography*) on Culture (Folk vs. Popular) and the article on Japanese high school. After reading both, explain why a Japanese high school in the 21st century is a fusion of popular and folk culture; please use essay format.

What are tests and quizzes like?

You'll have reading quizzes every other class and tests at the end of each unit. The test typically includes multiple choice, matching and an essay question. In mid-May, each student will take the AP Exam.

What is the AP Exam?

The AP Exam is the end-of-course test for AP Human Geography. It is administered by the College Board. There are two parts on the AP Human Geography exam: a 75-question multiple choice section and 3 free-response questions. Each section counts for fifty percent of the score. Students have two hours and fifteen minutes to take the exams. Scores range from 1 to 5 and students who get a 3, 4, or 5 stand a good chance of receiving college credit for their score.

Who can I talk to if I need more information?

It's likely that some of your friends and acquaintances have taken an AP class before, and talking with them might give you an idea of what's in store. The best way would probably be to speak with Ms. Heartwell. You can stop by her room in room 311 of Warwick High's Senior Campus or e-mail her at kamilah.heartwell@nn.k12.va.us. You can also visit the College Board's AP Human Geography website here: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-human-geography>.

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