

# AP Human Geography Summer Assignment 2011-2012

## Why do I have a summer assignment for AP Human Geography????

Completing this assignment will allow you to:

- Consider the importance of geography to human activities and development.
- Develop an expertise in one country and its surrounding region.

## What do I need for my summer assignment?

- ½ inch three ring binder
- 10 Tab Dividers

## Assignment: Country Portfolio

- Choose at least five countries from the following list that you would like to designate as YOUR country for the summer. Country choices are to be emailed to Mr. Brisini (Jason\_Brisini@charleston.k12.sc.us) by June 15<sup>th</sup> at the LATEST. Countries will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Your chosen country is not final until I email a confirmation.

Germany	China	France	Algeria
Philippines	India	Italy	Morocco
Vietnam	Greece	Dem. Rep. of the	Kenya
Egypt	Indonesia	Congo	Peru
Turkey	Brazil	Ukraine	Malaysia
Iran	Pakistan	Burma	Sweden
Thailand	Zimbabwe	South Korea	Libya
Ethiopia	Russia	South Africa	Ivory Coast
United Kingdom	Portugal	Colombia	Cameroon
New Zealand	Nigeria	Spain	Netherlands
Ghana	Japan	Poland	Madagascar
Australia	Venezuela	Argentina	Nepal
Syria	Switzerland	Sudan	Uzbekistan
Yemen	Taiwan	Tanzania	Israel
Kazakhstan	Romania	Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Yemen	Tunisia	Uganda
Denmark	Singapore	Ireland	

- After you receive your assigned country, title the first part of your binder as:  
“(Your Country) Portfolio.”
- The first item in your Country Portfolio should be the “CIA World Factbook’s Country Profile” for your assigned country. The factbook can be found at:  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>  
The printout will be about 9-10 pages long, but will allow you to quickly access important data for your country during the summer and school year.

- Over the summer, you will be expected to locate and read at least ten news articles pertaining to your country that demonstrate the **IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHY** to your country's development and current situation. In other words, they should somehow reflect the impact of the country's location on the face of the Earth. The number of potential topics is virtually limitless, but might include:
  - agriculture
  - natural resources
  - economic development
  - relations & disputes with neighboring countries or within that country
  - cultural heritage – food, sports, activities, festivals, etc
  - migration and refugees
  - natural disasters
  - population issues – overpopulation/underpopulation
  - civil conflict between different ethnic groups

Remember that these are just suggested topics.

For each of these articles, type a well-developed paragraph (50-100 words) in MLA format summarizing the content and explaining how it illustrates the importance of geography. Proofread your work carefully for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Good Sources of International News:

- *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>
- Here is another good international newspaper index: <http://www.newspaperindex.com/>
- Do not limit yourself to just these sources. Feel free to research other newspapers and news organizations associated with your country.

Articles should cover a variety of topics and be equally distributed throughout the summer.

Aim for the following:

- June - 2 articles
- July - 4 articles
- August - 4 articles

Place a copy of each article with the proper MLA citation information along with the brief summary in your binder. You should place a tab divider between each of your articles.

**Your notebook will be due on the first day of school.**

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

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