

Mr. McMurchy
AP Human Geo
Summer HW 2017-2018

All students must complete all summer work and have it ready to turn-in to me on **August 28, 2017**. All written work must be on lined paper, using a black or blue ink pen.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email me during the summer. My email is dmcurch@houstonisd.org and my cell number is (281) 323-1740.

I very much look forward to being your teacher next year as you begin your high school journey.

First

Look over, study, learn, know, and memorize the information on both sides of World Regions Map. If it is on there, you must know the geographical term and the location on the map. This will be tested the first day of school for a major grade, so you are forewarned...

It is located

<https://sites.google.com/site/mcmurchyaphumangeography/assignments/summerhomework>

Then,

Read Article located:

http://historyutah-studies.hillcrest.jhs.schoolfusion.us/modules/locker/files/get_group_file.phtml?gid=811778&fid=30127808

Then answer the 5 questions at the end of the article

Next,

Read Article located:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/what-do-maps-really-do-4088786>

then answer these questions.

1. Why does Hebert argue that maps have to distort reality?
2. List and describe some of the different types of map projections that the article describes, and what each is meant to show the viewer
3. Hebert argues that contemporary (modern) maps are "...as biased and conventional as ever." – How does she justify this point of view?
4. When Hebert describes the borders of New Hampshire as "...an idea." – what does she mean?
5. What specific things about maps did this article teach, explain, or reveal to you that you didn't know before (or didn't bother to think about)

Next,

Read Article located:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/11/opinion/sunday/how-india-became-america.html>

then answer these questions.

1. How does the title of the article itself describe the idea of globalization?
2. Describe in detail the different ways that the author claims that India is becoming more Americanized (this is spoken about throughout the entire article)

3. Towards the end of the article, the author describes the Americanization of India as "...more complex... than it first appears." – describe his feelings.
4. Based on the article and your own feelings, describe how globalization of culture (being exposed to different types of food, clothing, religions, languages, technology, dress, etc.) can be both positive and negative for individuals and their cultures.

Next,

Read Article located:

<http://www.nytimes.com/books/first/s/schlosser-fast.html>

then read another article from him, ten years after he wrote the book.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/03/12/still-a-fast-food-nation-eric-schlosser-reflects-on-10-years-later>

then answer these questions.

Schlosser's thesis, that "A nation's diet can be more revealing than its art or literature...the fast food industry has helped to transform not only the American diet, but also our landscape, economy, workforce, and popular culture." is defended by him throughout the introduction of this book.

For each of the following aspects of American society that he mentions, describe how he argues that fast food has altered it:

1. The American Diet
2. The American economy
3. The workforce
4. General American population culture

Next,

Read Article located:

<http://www.economist.com/node/15636231>

Then watch short video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISme5-9orR0>

then answer these questions.

- 1.) Describe some of the cultural and social causes of 'gendercide' - why is there such a preference for boys in particular cultures?
- 2.) Describe some of the negative effects this skewed sex ratio has on countries.
- 3.) What are some of the specific countries/areas in which gender preferences are the highest?
- 4.) About halfway through the article the author cites a Hindu saying that "Raising a daughter is like watering your neighbors' garden." Based on what you read, what do you interpret this to mean?
- 5.) Describe the role that sonogram machines have played in INCREASING 'gendercide

Next,

Watch video located:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwe-pA6TaZk>

Then Answer the following questions

Choose any 10 of the places Matt visited (NOT THE U.S.) and answer the following:

1. On what continent is the country?
2. What other countries does it border (list them all)
3. What is the closest major body of water?
4. What region of the world is it? (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia?)
5. Write down anything you know/associate with that country (it doesn't have to be accurate necessarily, just what you think of when you think of that place) List as many things as possible.

That is all. Please complete all of your work and be ready to kick some butt starting on the first day of school.

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