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**AP Human Geography Course Syllabus 2023-2024**

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**A Little about Your Teacher…**

Hello Young Travelers! Welcome to the wonderful world of AP Human Geography! I will be your instructor this year and I am very excited about meeting each and every one of you. I graduated from Alief Elsik High School and continued my education at Lamar University, where I majored in History with a minor in Political Science. I have traveled to 14 different countries and love to share my experiences with new people. I taught for two years at Jack Yates HS, three years at Marshall HS, one year at the International Leadership of Texas, and this will be my 6th year at HAIS. I am looking forward to having an awesome year with you.

**Course Overview**

The AP Human Geography course is equivalent to an introductory college-level course in human geography. The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. The curriculum reflects the goals of the National Geography Standards (2012).

**Course Textbook (Suggested)**

AMSCO Advanced Placement Edition: Human Geography 2022 Edition (David Palmer)

* This book will be used for reading guide assignments to give you more in-depth examples of the concepts that I am not able to cover in class. So don’t lose it!!!!!

**Literacy and Technology**

Students are required to read the assigned text during and outside of the class. Students will take notes daily in class and at home. Students will be asked to use word processing for their writing and to access the class electronic notebook for additional assignments and class resources. Students will need their laptops in class daily. Laptops need to be charged prior to class per they will not have the opportunity to charge them in class.

**General Expectations**

**Every student that enters my classroom is expected to DO THEIR BEST in this class. They are also expected to ALWAYS be prepared, PARTCIPATE and ask for help whenever necessary.**

**Required Materials**

* Black or blue ink pens
* 2”in Binder (used for this class only)
* Pencils
* Pens (blue and black)
* School assigned laptop (charged)
* Loose leaf paper (college rule)

\*\*\*WANT EXTRA CREDIT???

 You will receive Extra Credit for returning the student/parent contract at the end of this packet!

There will be Extra Credit opportunities throughout the school year. Generally, 1-2 opportunities per grading cycle 😊

**Grading**

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| **Letter Grade** | **Numerical Grade/Score** | **Grading scale** | **Categories** | **Percentage** |
| A | 90-100 | 5.0 | **Formative Assessments**: Quizzes, Classwork, Do Now, Homework | 50 |
| B | 80-89 | 4.0 | **Summative Assessments**: Tests, Projects/Major Assignments | 40 |
| C | 75-79 | 3.0 | **Professionalism/ Participation** | 10 |
| D | 70-74 | 1.0 |  |  |
| F | 69 and Below | 0 |  |  |

**Classroom Procedures**

* **Tardies:**
	+ is defined as not being in your seat working on your warm-up when class begins. If a pattern is established, there will be a student- teacher conference. If that pattern continues, parents will be notified. If the action continues, the student will be referred to the administrator. Tardies can also negatively affect the student’s grade on the **TIMED WARM-UPS** at the beginning of the class.
* **Absences:** Absent students have **3 days** to **receive and return** make-up work to teacher after they have returned to school. ***Students are still responsible for the assignments that they miss while they were absent. (We learn something every day in AP Human Geography. So when you’re absent, YES YOU DID MISS SOMETHING and YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT).***
	+ Excuse notes can be submitted to the attendance clerk or submitted to the box in the front office.
* **Work (Do Nows/ Classwork/ Homework/ Projects)**
	+ You really should do it. DUH!!!!
	+ Not doing your work will directly affect your ability to comprehend and apply the dense vocabulary of this course. Remember that this is concepts and vocabulary that you have never interacted with before. There is no getting around it; it must be done for you to be successful in AP Human Geography.
* **Late Work**
	+ Definition of late work- work that is not completed and submitted **BY THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASS PERIOD OF THE DATE IT IS DUE.**
	+ Late work that is on paper may be turned into the turn in bin, **BY THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASS PERIOD OF THE DATE IT IS DUE.**
	+ **YOU MUST EMAIL ME WHENEVER YOU COMPLETE YOUR LATE WORK FOR ANY ELECTRONIC ASSIGNMENT!!!!!** Please use your school email account for school business. I will not respond to an outside email account.
		- Within 1 week of the due date: Highest the student can earn is a 80
		- Within 2 weeks of the due date: Highest the student can earn is a 60
		- 2 weeks after the assignments due date: the assignments missing grade will stand as is
	+ *On time work, will to be graded immediately. Late work will be graded at my earliest convenience.*

* **Make-up Work:**  Make-up work is only given to students who have **EXCUSED absences ONLY!** Make-up work is not for students who chose not to turn in assignments. Make-up work is NOT to be discussed during class time. Students must come before/ after class or during lunch tutorials to receive make-up work. If a test or quiz needs to be made up, it will be during our lunch period.
* **Restroom Procedure:** Students are encouraged to go to the restroom **BEFORE** they come to class. HAIS has a 15-15 rule that states students aren’t allowed to exit class the first 15 minutes and last 15 minutes of the class period. There is a limit to students going to the restroom during class. Make sure you don’t abuse this privilege.
	+ *If you are tardy, you will not be allowed to go to the bathroom during that class period.*
* **Tutorials:** I am available for lunch tutorials Monday-Thursday during lunch. Please be prepared with what topics you would like to review. The only way I can help you better understand the topics that we cover is if you know your point of misunderstanding. This is always a great time for students to catch up on assignments in a quiet environment.
	+ Other tutorial options available:
		- AP Saturdays *(dates to be announced in the future)*
		- Microsoft Teams AP tutorials *(dates to be announced in the future)*
			* *Both opportunities will be available for extra credit*
* **Retaking Tests/ Exams**
	+ Per HISD policy, student’s will be allowed to retake tests/exams. Teacher will give the time window, in which student will have in order to retake the test/exam. **The highest grade you can receive on a retest is a 75**. Retaking a test/exam during class time may not be possible, depending on what is going on in class. If that is the case, students are expected to come in during their lunch to retake it (they will be permitted to eat their lunch in the classroom on this day). Please note that multiple lunch days may be needed. *Retesters will be given the same time that they were allotted in class.*

**Classroom Rules**

* **BE PREPARED** with your materials for this class EVERYDAY.
* **BE PROMPT** to class EVERYDAY.
* **BE PRODUCTIVE** by ALWAYS trying your best in this class. Your involvement is needed, so get in the game.
* **BE POSITIVE**…encourage your classmates. Name calling and bullying will not be tolerated.
* **BE POLITE…** disrespect towards your teacher, your peers, yourself, and the classroom property will **NOT** be tolerated.

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST ABIDE BY ALL SCHOOL RULES AS WELL.\*\*\***

**Rewards**

* **WATCH ME WORK!** Great works of the students who do their best in class are always posted for everyone to see.
* Good phone call, text message, or email sent home

**Consequences**

* Verbal Warning
* Student Conference
* Calls to parents and/or parent conference
* Referral to the administrator

**Acknowledgement**

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and comply with all expectations set forth in this syllabus.

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Student Name **(Please Print)** Student Signature & Date Parent/Guardian Signature & Date