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AP Human Geo  
Summer HW 2020-2021

All students must complete all summer work and have it ready to turn-in to me on **August 24, 2020**. All written work must be on lined notebook paper, using a black or blue ink pen. Please keep each assignment separate from another so that when we go to turn-in the assignments, they are easier to collect up

If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email me during the summer. My email is [dmcmurch@houstonisd.org](mailto:dmcmurch@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,

Assignment 1-The Tenth Parallel

Read Article located:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHI8Z3g6NTI0ZjZkYjIxZmRkOTA3Zg>

Then answer the 5 questions at the end of the article on a separate sheet of paper.

Next,

Assignment 2-What Maps Really Do?

Read Article located:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHI8Z3g6YzY0MThlNDNiMzYyMTY>

then answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper..

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,

Assignment 3-How India Became America

Read Article located:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHI8Z3g6NDE3Y2JkZmY1ZTQzZWl2>

then answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

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,  
Assignment 4-Fast Food Nation  
Read Article located:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHl8Z3g6MjA2YzQ2ZDA0YTgzMzNiNg>

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

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHl8Z3g6NmRkOTdlOWU0NGIzYzZiMQ>

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,  
Assignment 5-The Worldwide War on Baby Girls  
Read Article located:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbmxtY211cmNoeWFwaHVtYW5nZW9ncmFwaHl8Z3g6NzgzNjE3OGMwMDg0YmlwZQ>

Then download and watch short video Assignment 5 video  
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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 short video Assignment 6 video

It is located

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Then Answer the following questions

Choose any 10 of the places Matt visited (NOT THE U.S.) and answer the following for **all of the 10 places that you selected:**

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. Please start all of your individual assignments on a new separate sheet of lined paper so that on the first day of school it is easier to turn in. Thanks...

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