

AP Human Geography - Summer Assignment 2026

In order to get a necessary headstart on the course content, students are required to complete four important tasks over the summer:

1. Student Letters

The AP Human Geography students of 2025-2026 left you some words of wisdom as you embark on this course. Please read the two student letters to get a better sense of the human geography journey to come.

[Student Letter #1](#)

[Student Letter #2](#)

2. Read: *The Cultural Landscape*, [Chapter 1 - This is Geography](#)

You will need to have a physical (recommended) or digital copy of the course textbook:

The Cultural Landscape, James Rubenstein, 13th Edition,
ISBN 0135116155 / ISBN-13 9780135116159

Read Chapter 1 and take notes on key concepts and terms. Make note of the structure of the textbook, using headers to help format your notes, keying in on bold terms and topics. You don't have to write *everything* down, focus instead on synthesizing the content and recording what seems most important. Be sure that your notes include each of the items on the [Unit 1 Key Terms List](#).

3. Create a One-Pager

Create a hand-crafted one-pager (standard 8.5x11 paper or larger) that demonstrates your understanding of the content and concepts from Chapter 1: *This is Geography*. The one-pager should include the following:

- 10-15 key terms represented in some manner
- Demonstrate connections between geographic concepts
- Provide visuals to help demonstrate understanding

The one-pager should demonstrate your understanding of the key questions from this Unit:
What does it mean to think geographically?

[Examples of One-Pagers](#) for other human geography units.

4. Learn the AP Human Geography labels for World Map Regions

Knowing world region names will be essential for our discussion of course content throughout the year. Spend some time reviewing the labels for the various regions of the world and be prepared for a map quiz when we return from summer break.

[AP Human Geography World Regions](#)

Important!: Note that you may not use AI tools to generate notes for the reading or to create your one-pager. All work is to be your own. Let's *learn* the material, not just complete the work.