

Advanced Placement Human Geography

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HuGe Objectives:

From College Board: "AP Human Geography is an introductory college-level human geography course. Students cultivate their understanding of human geography through data and geographic analyses as they explore topics like patterns and spatial organization, human impacts and interactions with their environment, and spatial processes and societal changes." Unit topics include:

- Thinking Geographically
- Population and Migration Patterns and Processes
- Cultural Patterns and Processes
- Political Organization and Space
- Agriculture, Food Production and Rural Land Use
- Industrialization and Economic Development
- Cities and Urban Land Use
- Multiple Choice
 - Skills and test-taking strategies
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Language-based Comprehension

What is an AP exam:

- It is highly encouraged that your son or daughter take the Human Geography exam in May
- Why should he/she take the test?
 - Potential college credit (Geography/Humanities)
 - \$98 test = \$1,800 college credit (with a score of ≥ 4)
 - Even if a student were to *fail*, **85% of colleges** would rather see you tried and took the risk than taking an AP course and not test.
 - AP HuGe exam has one of the highest pass rates of all AP exams
- AP Exam is two parts:
 - Multiple Choice – 60 minutes for ~60 questions (50% exam score)
 - Data-based questions (students are given a chart, graph or map)
 - Content-based questions (from the 7 units)
 - Free Response Questions – ~1.5 hours for 3 essays (50% exam score)
 - Describe, explain, apply geographic situation or scenario (no stimulus)
 - Describe, explain, apply geographic data using data, image, or map (one quantitative or qualitative source)
 - Describe, explain, apply geographic data using data, image, and/or map (two sources, qualitative and/or quantitative)
25 minutes each

Students will:

- Critically analyze data of varying form and purpose.
- Formulate and develop arguments with clear and coherent claims, citing strong and thorough evidence to support implicit inferences from the text, and implementing valid and logical reasoning.
- Develop close reading skills on a wide variety of texts.