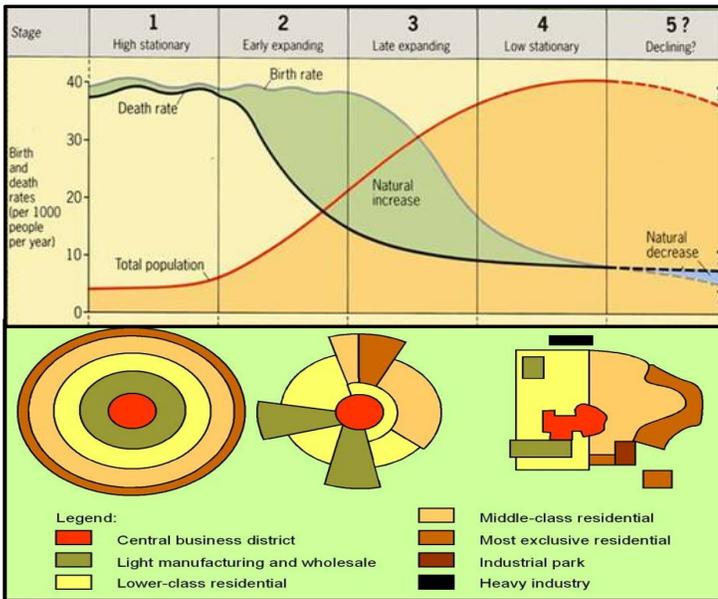
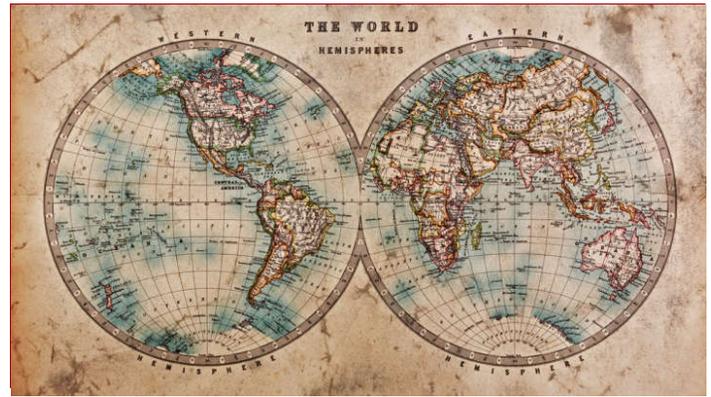


AP Human Geography



General Information

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Book title: *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*, Rubenstein

Prerequisites: None, available to students in grades 9-12

Co-requisites: It is recommended that the student is enrolled in other honors, dual enrollment, or AP courses.

Cost: \$95.00 AP Exam fee; \$12-17 Barron's Review Guide

Course Overview:

The purpose of AP Human Geography course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students will employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. They will learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. AP Human Geography is a college level course. In May, students will take the AP Human Geography Exam, which could earn them college credit. This course will require more work than a regular high school course. The course work will be rigorous and time consuming.

AP vs. Standard:

There is typically more homework on average per week. Most of the homework involves reading the text and completing guided readings. Other work includes completing outside readings, vocabulary notecards, map packets, and free response questions. The textbook is a college level text, and students are expected to keep up with a relatively fast paced reading schedule. The quiz and test questions are more challenging, meant to match the difficulty of the AP exam. There is required summer work for this course.

Example of a Unit:

Read the chapter and complete the guided reading packet. Complete the vocabulary for the chapter. Periodically complete supplemental activities and readings. Take a quiz or test roughly every other day. Complete free response questions. Complete a map packet and take map quiz (about one per quarter).

First Semester

Chapter 1: Thinking Geographically

Describing how geographers address location
Identifying the uniqueness of each point on earth
Making regional comparisons

Chapter 2: Population

Identifying world population distribution
Explaining variances in population increase
Differentiating population distribution
Addressing the global overpopulation issue

Chapter 3: Migration

Understanding push factors and migration
Locating migration distribution patterns
Immigration obstacles
Migration within a country

Chapter 4: Folk and Popular Culture

Identifying location and diffusion of folk culture
Identifying folk culture clusters
Understanding the growth of popular culture
Identifying problems caused by popular culture globalization

Chapter 5: Language

Explaining English language distribution
Locating diffusion of Indo-European languages
Identifying language families and distribution
Addressing preservation of local languages

Chapter 6: Religion

Locating distribution of world religions
Explaining why religions have different distribution patterns
Identifying patterns of religion and space
Identifying and explaining territorial conflict between different religions

Chapter 7: Ethnicity

Identifying ethnic distribution patterns
Explaining how ethnicities become nationalities
Addressing ethnic conflict
Explaining reasons behind ethnic cleansing

Chapter 8: Political Geography

Locating and defining states
Identifying problems caused by boundaries
Cooperation between states
Explaining the rise in terrorism

Second Semester

Chapter 9: Development

Explaining the disparity of global development
Identifying developed and undeveloped regions
Identifying development levels by gender
Understanding obstacles to development

Chapter 10: Agriculture

The origins of agriculture
Identifying distribution of subsistence agriculture
Identifying modern agricultural methods and distribution
Understanding challenges at all levels of farming

Chapter 11: Industry

Identifying the origins of industry
Locating global industrial activity
Understanding the distribution of various industries
Identifying challenges of modern industry

Chapter 12: Services

Explaining the growth of the service sector
Understanding the pattern of distribution of services
Identifying large-scale service centers
Explaining the downtown service clusters

Chapter 13: Urban Patterns

Locating urban areas
Explaining the structure of urban models
Identifying distinct problems facing inner cities
Identifying distinct problems facing suburbia

Chapter 14: Resource Issues

Understanding the strain on available resources
Identifying pollution issues
Identifying renewable and recyclable resources
Understanding the concept of sustainable development

April:

Intensive preparation of AP exam using Barron's
Exam Review guide (purchase second semester, \$12-17)

Supplies for the year:

3-ring binder
Paper, pens (blue or black), and pencils
Index cards, 3x5 (approx. 400)
Colored pencil