

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Human Geography is more than just maps and names of countries, languages, and people. Human Geography is the study of human culture and activity. One of the most common activities humans undertake is finding, cooking, and eating food. Food expresses the identity of a culture and people. Eating the food of other cultures can open a window into the history and geography of other people and places.

PART IA :

By either visiting a restaurant or having dinner with a family friend, you must eat the traditional cuisine of **TWO** cultures (excluding “American” [even adaptations of foreign foods—which is what American food really is], Mexican [in abundance in Southern California], or your own if not either of those).

PART IB :

For each cuisine, you will create a video response/reflection using the **flipgrid** tool much like one might do on social media “stories” or “snaps” (whatever you kids call it these days!). Consider the following questions:

- Where did you go?
- What is the name of the restaurant?
- What kind of food did you eat?
- What is the name of the dish(es) you ate?
- What did the food look like (take a picture or show the food in your video).
- What was the environment of the restaurant?
- **How do you feel the food and atmosphere reflects the food’s place of origin?** (CRITICAL QUESTION)
- Did you like it?
- Would you recommend it to a friend?

***HINT:** When ordering the food, tell them it’s your first time and want to try their most authentic food dish. Los Angeles is a treasure trove of various cultural groups’ cuisine— **DON’T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT AND VISIT AN AMERICANIZED POPULAR CUISINE** (e.g. American Chinese vs. authentic Chinese—which is hard to find). **FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING AND DIFFERENT** Search Yelp, Zomato, and Trip Advisor for ideas and places to visit.

Post your **first** video review/reflection here: <https://flipgrid.com/1e4e3541>

Post your **second** video review/reflection here: <https://flipgrid.com/e9477c5b>

PART II:

Selecting one of the restaurants you visited, you will conduct some research on the country of origin. This selection will follow you throughout the class, so be careful what you select! Answer the following questions in the third and final flipgrid video:

- Where is the country?(show it on a map—either physically in your video, or add a still image by editing your video)
- What is the geography like? (Deserts, forests, lots of water, mountains? Be specific.)
- What natural resources are they abundant in? (wool, grains or other crops, certain livestock, iron ore or other minerals, etc?)

- What are the major cities?
- What is the population?
- What are the major exports out of the country?
- Is there a dominate religion practiced?
- Anything interesting or unique that you can share about the country and its people?

Post your **third** video geography research reflection here: <https://flipgrid.com/18d79d8b>

HELPFUL FLIPGRID INFORMATION:

If this is your first time using flipgrid, check out this helpful page and video on how to use the tool.

<https://help.flipgrid.com/hc/en-us/articles/360007559273-Getting-Started-Students>

Apple App — <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/flipgrid/id756972930?mt=8>

Google Play App — https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.vidku.app.flipgrid&hl=en_US

If there are any technical problems or questions, feel free to reach out! I will be available most of the summer. Email me at mkeck@aquinashs.net