

Assigned Texts for Summer Work Summer Assignment from Textbook

1. Rubenstein, James A. *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*, 11th ed. New Jersey: Pearson Education, 2014.

Read chapter 1, beginning on page 2. Begin a vocabulary notebook, label this section "Unit 1: Geography: It's Nature and Perspectives," and define the key terms listed on page 38-39. Once completed, focus on each "Check-in." Be prepared to thoroughly explain and describe in class the answers to each of these questions. These questions can be located at the end of each section.

Summer Book List

1. Diamond, Jared. *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 1997, 1999.

If you choose this book, you do not have to read the entire book. You can pick any six chapters to analyze. Likewise, please pick at least one section from each of the four parts of the book. This book is very good, and it is highly recommended that, even if you do not read it this summer, you should read it at some point before we finish this course.

2. Kunstler, James Howard. *Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape*. Simon and Schuster, June 1993.

This book deals with suburbanization and urban development in the United States and how they have altered our cultural landscape.

3. Lapiere, Dominique. *City of Joy*. Doubleday, October 1985.

This book deals with the culture of the poor in India. Likewise, it gives a clear picture of agricultural life and the impact of religion on day-to-day life in India.

4. Friedman, Thomas. *Longitudes and Attitudes*. Anchor, August 2003.

Friedman's exceptionally frank and convincing columns offer an insightful post-September 11 diary. He asks questions surrounding that day and offers a reporter's perspective on the world from outside U.S. borders. Thomas Friedman is an eminent columnist for the *New York Times*.

5. Schlosser, Eric. *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. HarperCollins, 2002.

This is a great book related to the "fast food" culture of America. It tells the story of how America and much of the "globalized" world has become a repository for eating "fast food" and embracing the "fast culture" of America. The book also takes an in-depth look at fast food's associated impact on agricultural and economic practice.

6. Herzog, Brad. *States of Mind*. John F. Blair Pub., 2000.

Paraphrased from the book jacket: "Can you find love in Love, Virginia? Is there inspiration in Inspiration, Arizona? The author took stock of his Generation X lifestyle and didn't like what he discovered. So he and his wife emptied their bank accounts, packed everything into a Winnebago, and set a course for a fabled America they weren't sure existed. What began as a literal search for the small places on the map became a figurative examination of the small places of the heart, a quest for virtues lost amid negativity and disillusionment. Examples from the book include: Justice, West Virginia, where one-half the population descends from the Hatfields and McCoys, to Harmony, California, and a town that's up for sale and can be yours for the right price."

7. Zakaria, Fareed. *The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad*. W. W. Norton, 2003.

Zakaria contends that something has gone wrong with democracy in America, which has descended into "a simple-minded populism that values popularity and openness." The solution, Zakaria says, is more appointed bodies, like the World Trade Organization and the U.S. Supreme Court, which are effective precisely because they are insulated from political pressures.

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Students must also sign up for **Remind**

Also using the tabs, sign up for **Newsela** in all AP classes, as articles will be assigned over the Summer and Quizzes will be issued, these will be part of the course grade. Due upon return!

For AP Human Geography each student is to receive a **Summer reading worksheet**. The book will need to be either purchased or checked out at the Greenfield City Library on a first come, first serve basis. Students are to also **subscribe** to my page, register for **Newsela**, and sign up for **Remind**.

Parents and Students should feel free to email me with any questions regarding the course

TEXT BOOKS CAN BE CHECKED OUT AT YOUR DISCRETION, BUT IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

I created this web page to assist students in resources for the courses, items can be printed by students and are a good resource for test prep