AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

Dear Future AP Human Geography Students,

AP Human Geography is not a traditional geography class. Instead of focusing on locations of physical and political features, this course focuses on the interactions between humans and their environment and on the interaction of human populations.

Because of the multitude of topics and vocabulary we are required to cover during the school year, we ask that all incoming freshmen taking AP Human Geography complete a Summer Assignment. Although this is not required, it will be greatly beneficial because a working knowledge of geographic concepts and the physical and political geography of the world-the locations of the continents and oceans, the arrangement of regions, and the locations of certain countries found within each of these regions-help with understanding the concepts found in the AP course.

This packet asks you to complete activities that will give you a foundational understanding of basic geography. While the items you are individually required to complete may take time to finish, their completion WILL assist you in understanding many of the topics we will be discussing throughout the year.

There is also a suggested reading: *Origins: How the Earth Shaped Human History* by Lewis Dartnell, which is an easy read that outlines how geography affects humanity.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to meeting you in the fall!

Sincerely,

EHS – AP Human Geography Teachers