**AP® Human Geography**

**Course Syllabus 2019-2020 Instructor: Brian Welch**

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**Course OverviewRoom 14-205**

**Chiles High School**

Welcome to AP Human Geography!

APHUG is a challenging and rewarding Advanced Placement course that will require a lot of hard work and dedication from you as a student. I hope that you will learn a tremendous amount about your World and the ways that people use it and protect it.

AP® Human Geography is a yearlong course that focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the planet. Units of study include population, migration, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, economic development, industry, agriculture, and urban geography. Emphasis is placed on geographic models and their applications. Case studies from around the globe will be compared to situations in both the United States and locally.

This course is structured according to the course outline found in the most recent *AP®* *Human Geography Course Description* published by the College Board. There are sevenunits of study including:

Unit 1: Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives

Unit 2: Population and Migration

Unit 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes

Unit 4: Political Organization of Space

Unit 5: Agriculture, Food Production and Rural Land Use

Unit 6: Industrialization and Economic Development

Unit 7: Cities and Urban Land Use

**Course Objectives**

* To introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth’s surface
* To learn about and employ the methods of geographers, especially including observation, mapmaking, data gathering and reporting, and technical writing
* To employ spatial concepts, geographic vocabulary, and landscape interpretation to a variety of locations and situations around the globe and in local areas
* To develop a geographic perspective with which to view the landscape and understand current events

**Textbook**

Rubenstein, James H., the Cultural Landscape, an Introduction to Human Geography, 12th Edition

**Exam Prep Book**

AMSCO Publishing: Prep Book.

Human Geography: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination 2020 revised

***The Advanced Placement Human Geography exam is Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM.***

**Classroom Instruction**

Instruction will be given largely in the form of classroom lecture approximately 2-3 days a week, with supplemental activities designed to re-enforce the readings the remainder of the week.

I will try to set aside some class time for reading but most of the reading is expected to be done at home or after class time.

Fridays we will try to focus on writing practice geared toward success on the AP Exam. There will be 1-2 **graded** writing practices per 9 weeks; however, we will try to practice writing every week.

**Class Website**

The website will be a very important tool in keeping up with our class. We will post our daily assignments here as well as create access to classroom materials and study guides.

<https://www.leonschools.net//site/Default.aspx?PageID=10371>

You are encouraged to bookmark this site and check daily for important information.

**Supplies**

I would encourage you to get a 1.5 inch, three ring binder with inside pockets dedicated solely to this class.

**Evaluation**

Grades in this course will be determined by a point system. Points are assigned as follows: Tests – 100 points; Quizzes - 50points; Chapter worksheets – 50 points, homework and class assignments (including seminars, essays, presentations, debates, etc.) 50-100 points.

We will have a reading QUIZ every week. 50 points. These will be multiple choice, true-false and fill in the blank.

We will have a UNIT TEST after each unit of study. 100 points. These will be multiple choice and writing questions similar to the AP exam.

Each grading period will have approx. 750-1000 available points.

**Late work policy:** Homework is due at the beginning of the class. Late homework assignments will not be accepted unless you have an excused absence; however, assignments are due the first day you return after an absence. In the case of an extended illness, students need to arrange to meet with me about making up assignments.

**A final reminder:** As you and your parents review the course information in this syllabus and on the web site, remember that this course is designed to be intellectually stimulating and challenging for the student who loves to learn.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. The easiest and preferred way to reach me is through my school e-mail. welchb@leonschools.net I check my e-mail several times a day, so it is the best way to get a prompt response.

I look forward to working with you this year as you develop the skills you need for success in your academic endeavors.

Success is not a destination, it is a journey!

RELAX, You WILL do great!

Please Print out and Return this page to Mr. Welch. Thanks!

Student and Parent Acknowledgment of Course Expectations

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I have read the course description for the AP Human Geography course and understand the expectations for success in this program. My signature indicates my commitment to completing all required assignments, including a rigorous reading and writing schedule.

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