

A.P. Human Geography Summer Assignment

Book Analysis

Human Geography Reading List (you must choose ONE book from the list below)

1. Why Geography Matters: Three Challenges Facing America: Climate Change, The Rise of China, and Global Terrorism - Harm de Blij
2. The Power of Place- Harm De Blij
3. The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century - Thomas Friedman
4. Hot Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America: Thomas L. Friedman
5. The Lexus and the Olive Tree - Thomas Friedman
6. Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal – Eric Schlosser
7. Food Inc.: A Participant Guide: How Industrial Food is Making Us Sicker, Fatter, and Poorer-And What You Can Do About It – edited by Karl Weber
8. In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto - Michael Pollan
9. Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals - Michael Pollan
10. Salt: A World History - Mark Kurlansky
11. A History of the World in Six Glasses – Tom Standage
12. Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World - Mark Kurlansky
13. Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies - Jared Diamond
14. Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed - Jared Diamond
15. The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape - James Howard Kunstler
16. How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization - Franklin Foer
17. Reading Lolita in Tehran: Azar Nafisi
18. Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything - Steven Levitt
19. Cool It: The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming: Bjorn Lomborg
20. We Just Want to Live Here: An Unlikely Teenage Friendship in the Two Jerusalem's - Amal Rifa'I and Odelia Ainbinder
21. The New Geography of Jobs – Enrico Moretti

22. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, the man who would cure the world- Tracy Kidder
23. The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World - Wade Davis
24. Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan - Greg Mortenson
25. Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide - Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
26. 10 Geographic Ideas That Changed the World- Susan Hanse
27. The Revenge of Geography- Robert D. Kaplan
28. The Future of Power- Joseph Nye
29. How to Run the World- Parag Khanna
30. Kite Runner-Khaled Hosseini

Please use the following rubric as a guide to how to organize your paper:

I. Description

5 points: Author's name, place of publication, date of publication, number of pages in book.

20 points: Summary of book -- important points brought out, highlights, etc.

II. Analysis

10 points: Author's objectives. What did the author intend for the reader in writing this book?

10 points: Universal lessons. Provide examples from the book of lessons that would apply any place or time. These lessons should deal, if possible, with threads of humanity or the universal condition. If you do not feel there is any lesson to be learned from your book, explain why.

10 points: Use of passages to support answer.

III. Appraisal

10 points: Did you like/dislike the book and why?

5 points: What is missing? Is there an unanswered question or issue that is unresolved?

IV. Themes of Geography

20 points: Please integrate, where applicable, the five geographic themes of place/location, movement, perception, human/environment interaction, and region. If you are unsure of the definitions of these terms, you will find them in any dictionary, or a Web inquiry related to the "five themes of geography." You do not

have to address them all.

V. Overall Paper

10 points

Total: 100 points

Show Analysis

Watch four (4) episodes of the travel/food shows;

Parts Unknown hosted by Anthony Bourdain, or

Bizarre Foods (Seasons 1-6 are international destinations) hosted by Andrew Zimmerman

Themes to consider;

1. population and development - where we are and the level of our wealth ,
2. migration and language - where we go and what we speak,
3. agriculture, industry, and resources - what we grow, what we make, and how we treat our environment,
4. settlements and services - where we live and what we provide,
5. religion and culture - what we believe and what we do;
6. ethnicity and nationality - who we are.

These shows address geographical issues on multiple levels of scale, and how those issues influence the populations living in the region. Again, as you are watching, keep the above themes in mind. For each of the episodes, briefly describe the following – The location of Bourdain’s or Zimmerman’s visit and its primary features; The major issues affecting the region; The influence of geographical factors on those issues. (The response should be about two paragraphs).

Map Packet

Complete the attached maps by labeling the countries and major cities. Also, label the major physical features for each region.