

AP Human Geography Basic Background Knowledge List

Part of entering an AP class is an assumption of a certain level of background knowledge and skills. Please review and be prepared to take an assessment the first two weeks of school in the spring relating to this list. The assessment will be mastery based which means you can take the assessment multiple times but must attain 80% or above to pass. The assessment will be primarily an identifying assessment – do not worry about spelling. Don't stress out about this, but do some review and familiarize yourself with this information. Think of this knowledge as the ABC's and 1,2,3's of Geography 101.

Assignment # 1 Basic Map and Atlas Skills:

- Using an atlas to locate information
- Reading and interpreting a map
- Using latitude and longitude to locate and find places

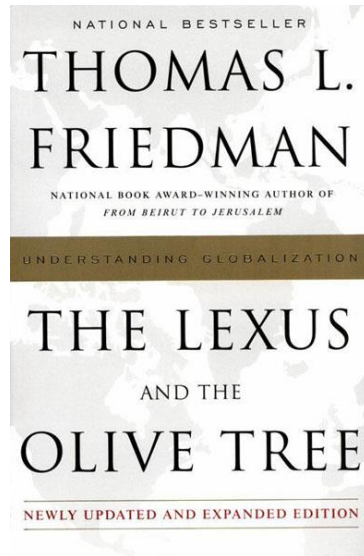
Be able to locate on a map the following items:

General Stuff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Oceans <input type="checkbox"/> 7 continents <input type="checkbox"/> Equator <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Capricorn 	Major Mountain Ranges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Himalayas <input type="checkbox"/> Rockies <input type="checkbox"/> Andes <input type="checkbox"/> Alps <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasus <input type="checkbox"/> Urals <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian 	Major Rivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rhine <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon <input type="checkbox"/> Yangtze <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges <input type="checkbox"/> Nile <input type="checkbox"/> Congo
Major Deserts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sahara <input type="checkbox"/> Great Sandy Desert <input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> Gobi <input type="checkbox"/> Siberia 	Major Climate Regions- which parts of the world fit each category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Mild <input type="checkbox"/> Continental <input type="checkbox"/> Polar 	Major Bodies of Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Great Lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Black Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Red Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Arabian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> South China Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Aral Sea
Chokepoints (Straits and Channels) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Gibraltar <input type="checkbox"/> Panama Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Suez Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> English Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Bosphorus & Dardanelles <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Hormuz 	Major World Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New York City <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> Tokyo <input type="checkbox"/> Paris <input type="checkbox"/> Cairo <input type="checkbox"/> Sydney <input type="checkbox"/> Sao Paulo <input type="checkbox"/> Johannesburg <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow <input type="checkbox"/> Hong Kong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> Beijing <input type="checkbox"/> Bombay (Mumbai) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico City <input type="checkbox"/> Tehran <input type="checkbox"/> Washington D.C. <input type="checkbox"/> Lagos <input type="checkbox"/> Calcutta <input type="checkbox"/> Toronto <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore
Canadian Provinces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia <input type="checkbox"/> Yukon Territory <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta <input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Territories <input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba <input type="checkbox"/> Quebec <input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland and Labrador <input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario 	Development and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have some sense of development levels of regions? <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Developed <input type="checkbox"/> Developing <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Developed <input type="checkbox"/> Know some cultural characteristics of regions – major religions, languages, ethnicities etc 	Major World Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> South East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Sahel Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America <input type="checkbox"/> Central America <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Western Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Former USSR <input type="checkbox"/> Oceania

Country identification – you need to be able to identify where these countries are on a map.

<p>Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Madagascar <input type="checkbox"/> Sudan <input type="checkbox"/> Niger <input type="checkbox"/> Algeria <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria <input type="checkbox"/> Somalia <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> Libya <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya <input type="checkbox"/> Chad <input type="checkbox"/> Mali <input type="checkbox"/> Congo/Zaire <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda <input type="checkbox"/> Botswana <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe 	<p>North America & South America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Argentina <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba <input type="checkbox"/> Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti <input type="checkbox"/> Chile <input type="checkbox"/> Honduras <input type="checkbox"/> Colombia <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador <input type="checkbox"/> Bahamas <input type="checkbox"/> Peru <input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico 	<p>Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Thailand <input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> India <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Burma <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia <input type="checkbox"/> China <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia <input type="checkbox"/> South Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand
<p>Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden <input type="checkbox"/> Greece <input type="checkbox"/> Romania <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakia <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Croatia <input type="checkbox"/> Yugoslavia (EX) <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input type="checkbox"/> France <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Poland <input type="checkbox"/> Finland <input type="checkbox"/> Bosnia 	<p>Southwest Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait <input type="checkbox"/> Syria <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia <input type="checkbox"/> Israel <input type="checkbox"/> Iran <input type="checkbox"/> Jordan <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan <p>All 50 US States and Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast <input type="checkbox"/> Midwest <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific West 	<p>Below is a list of online resources to help you on this quest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. http://www.maps.com/FunFacts.aspx?nav=FF 2. http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz 3. http://www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student 4. http://www.theodora.com/maps/new9/world_climate_map-large.jpg 5. http://www.nvtc.gov/lotw/languageList.html 6. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html

Assignment # 2 Analysis skills -



Directions:

A. Read

Read Thomas Friedman's "The Lexus and the Olive Tree." It's about \$17 at Barnes and Noble. I recommend trying McKay's first or find it used on amazon.com.

B. Annotate

For each chapter, you will need to write **five annotations** in complete sentence form. There are twenty chapters, so you should have **100 notes**. These notes are major trends, interesting facts, or AHA moments you have while reading the book.

C. Analysis of Annotations

For each annotation, you will need to explain why it is important.

D. Analyze for Themes

Also, look for themes in the book. What are threads that connect throughout the chapters?

F. Structure:

- These are to be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font.
- I will not accept a hand written assignment.
- Please follow the structure outlined below.
- Number the annotations from 1 – 100.

Example Structure of Annotations

Chapter 1:

1. **Annotation:** Many people around the world view globalization and Americanization as the same thing.
Analysis: The US gets a lot of blame for several worldwide issues due to its ability to export its culture.
2. **Annotation:** Many people are bothered by the US sending its culture, values, economics, technologies, and lifestyles everywhere
Analysis: Globalization creates a uniform culture and economy.

THEME(S): Due to America's power, ubiquitous presence and ability to export its culture, globalization has caused many countries to dislike the United States.