

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 relating to this list. The assessment will be primarily an identifying assessment – do not worry about spelling. 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

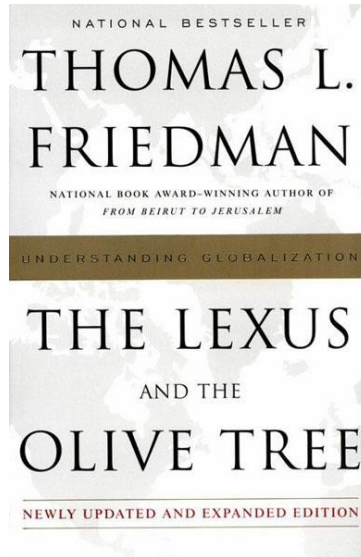
Be able to locate on a map the following places-

General Stuff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have some sense of development levels of regions? Rich (Highly Developed), Developing (Middle Income), Poor (Less 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 <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. *However, I want you to tell me why each point is important.*

C. Analyze for Themes

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

Example Structure of Annotations

Chapter 1

1. **Annotation:** Something that sticks out to you, which you understand as a major point.
Analysis: Your explanation of why that annotation is important.
 2. **Annotation:** Something that sticks out to you, which you understand as a major point.
Analysis: Your explanation of why that annotation is important.
 3. **Annotation:** Something that sticks out to you, which you understand as a major point.
Analysis: Your explanation of why that annotation is important.
 4. **Annotation:** Something that sticks out to you, which you understand as a major point.
Analysis: Your explanation of why that annotation is important.
 5. **Annotation:** Something that sticks out to you, which you understand as a major point.
Analysis: Your explanation of why that annotation is important.
- THEME(S):** Give a brief explanation of a theme that emerged from that chapter.