

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY - SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

What is AP? “AP” stands for “Advanced Placement,” which is a term used to designate courses that are nationally standardized and managed by an organization called “College Board.” College Board ensures that AP classes across the globe are taught using the same challenging curriculum that they develop in conjunction with college professors across the country. The class focuses on 3 main themes: 1) the role of geography in human life, 2) the impact of humans on their environment, and 3) the tensions between globalization and cultural diversity.

Why take AP? Competitive colleges around the country look to see that you have challenged yourself in high school and look very favorable upon students who have accepted the rigor of AP classes in high school. Moreover, students who perform well on the AP exams are often eligible for college credit! In addition, McKinley requires that all students take two AP classes before they graduate.

What will the AP exam look like? All AP courses end with a nationally standardized exam in May. Our exam is comprised of two parts: 60 multiple-choice question (60 mins) and three Free-Response Questions (75 mins)

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT - *This assignment can also be found on the McKinley website*

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Purpose: The purpose of the summer assignment is to strengthen your geographic knowledge so you’re already familiar with the countries and continents of the world before beginning a deeper analysis of global issues.

Task:

- Use the following website - <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com>
- Click on “geography map games” - <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>
- Complete the level 1 map for the following continents until you get a 100%
- You will be quizzed on the following during the school year in this order
 - World map – continents and oceans (first week of school)
 - U.S. 50 states
 - Asia
 - Africa
 - South America (unfortunately this website doesn’t have Central America and the Caribbean, so we’ll work on this during class)
 - Europe