

Human Geography Summer Assignment

Introduction: Human Geography is, in the most basic sense, the study of why *people* do things *where* they do and how *increased interaction* between people in different locations positively and negatively impacts society at every scale. Analysis of the complex interactions between people and locations necessitates a familiarity with many basic physical and political geographical features on Earth. For example, it is difficult to have a discussion about the geo-political, social and economic impacts of the Arab Spring if students do not have a sense of where Libya, Egypt, the Suez Canal, the Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea are relative to other Middle Eastern countries ripe for revolution and to Europe, which has struggled with how much or little it should intervene in the situation and accommodate refugees.

Assignment: For students' summer assignment, they must familiarize themselves with the following locations and be able to identify them on a map. As we progress through the class, the importance of each of the following places will be discussed, debated and studied. The list below is what will be tested. Other locations and physical/political characteristics will be addressed in class. A general knowledge and familiarity of other locations will help as we progress through the class.

Evaluation: During the first 3 weeks of class, students will have their first test/summative assessment over the information in this document. They will be provided with a series of maps with numbered and illustrated features (e.g. lines for rivers, triangles for mountains, dots for cities). They will be required to identify the locations correctly from a cumulative list of options, which means the "word bank" will have every country listed together, every river listed together, every mountain range listed together, etc.) on an answer sheet that tells the students what feature is required for that location (e.g. the answer sheet will indicate if a river, city or country is wanted for that location).

Reference: All locations can be found on either a political or physical map of the region from any reputable, current atlas. If students have questions, they may contact me at Katie.bilkha@fayette.kyschools.us throughout the summer. A previous year's student compiled the following study materials to help and has opened it to future students' use. They do not include ALL of the required locations, but does cover many, many of them.

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Region: Europe

Nations

- Great Britain/United Kingdom
- Ireland
- Spain
- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Denmark
- Belgium
- Switzerland
- Italy
- Greece
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Serbia
- Albania
- Croatia
- Poland
- Russia
- Ukraine
- Austria
- Hungary
- Andorra

Peninsulas

- Iberian Peninsula
- Scandinavian Peninsula
- Balkan Peninsula

Mountain Ranges

- Pyrenees
- Alps
- Urals

Rivers

- Rhine
- Po
- Danube
- Volga
- Thames
- Seine

Cities

- London, England
- Paris, France
- Moscow, Russia
- Geneva, Switzerland
- Rotterdam, Netherlands
- The Hague, Netherlands
- Berlin, Germany
- Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Belgrade, Serbia
- Rome, Italy

Seas

- Mediterranean
- North
- Black
- Baltic

Additional Locations

- Cyprus (island)
- English Channel

Region: Africa

Nations

- Egypt
- Libya
- Somalia
- Rwanda
- Kenya
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
(formerly Zaire)
- Lesotho
- South Africa
- Sudan and South Sudan
- Liberia
- Morocco

Deserts

- Sahara
- Sudan/Sahel region

Rivers

- Nile
- Niger
- Congo

Cities

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Mogadishu, Somalia
- Cairo, Egypt
- Tripoli, Libya
- Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of
the Congo

Mountains

- Atlas

Straits/Other Water Features

- Straits of Gibraltar
- Suez Canal
- Lake Victoria

Region: Asia (including the Middle East)

Nations

- Turkey
- Syria
- Iraq
- Israel
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Yemen
- Qatar
- Iran
- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- India
- China
- Singapore
- North Korea
- South Korea
- Japan
- Burma/Myanmar
- Philippines
- Kuwait
- Indonesia

Areas with special statuses

- Tibet
- Taiwan
- Palestine/the West Bank

Peninsulas

- Sinai
- Arabian

Mountain Ranges

- Himalayas

Deserts

- Siberia
- Gobi

Rivers

- Tigris
- Euphrates
- Ganges
- Huang/Yellow

Cities

- Istanbul, Turkey
- Jerusalem, Israel
- Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- Medina, Saudi Arabia
- Kabul, Afghanistan
- Delhi, India
- Kolkata/Calcutta, India
- Mumbai/Bombay, India
- Hong Kong/Xianggang, China
- Nanjing, China
- Shanghai, China
- Macau, China
- Beijing, China
- Pyongyang, North Korea
- Seoul, South Korea
- Tokyo, Japan
- Kyoto, Japan

Region Continued: Asia (including the Middle East)

Seas/Water Features

- Red
- Persian Gulf
- Arabian
- Sea of Japan
- South China Sea

Straits

- Bering Strait

Plateaus

- Plateau of Tibet

Region: Oceania

Nations

- Australia
- New Zealand

Deserts

- Great Sandy
- Great Victoria

Cities

- Perth, Australia
- Sydney, Australia

Water Features

- Great Barrier Reef

Region: North and Central America

Nations

- Canada
- US
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Cuba
- Haiti
- Bahamas
- Jamaica
- Panama
- Honduras

Areas with Special Statuses

- Puerto Rico
- The province of Quebec, Canada

Peninsulas

- Baja (Baja California)
- Yucatan

Mountain Ranges

- Rocky
- Appalachian

Plains

- Great Plains (US)

Rivers

- Colorado
- Mississippi
- Missouri

Other Water Features

- Great Lakes (know all 5)
- Gulf of Mexico
- Chesapeake Bay
- Hudson Bay
- Panama Canal

Seas

- Caribbean

Cities

- Montreal, Canada
- Los Angeles, US
- New Orleans, US
- Boston, US
- Washington, DC, US
- New York, US
- Detroit, US
- Chicago, US
- St. Louis, US
- El Paso, US
- Salt Lake City, US
- Atlanta, US
- Norfolk, US
- Philadelphia, US
- Havana, Cuba
- Mexico City, Mexico

Region: South America

Nations:

- Brazil
- Argentina
- Chile
- Columbia
- Peru

Mountain Ranges

- Andes

Special Geographical Region

- Amazon Basin/Rainforest

Rivers

- Amazon

Cities

- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Brasilia, Brazil
- Santiago, Chile