

Dearest AP Human Geography Families:

I hope this message finds you well. We are living in unprecedented (at least for our lives) times, and I hope all is well with families and friends. As the dust settles, the way forward is becoming a bit clearer, and we are doing all we can to get us back on track. This is designed to give you a better understanding of how we will proceed. As new information is received, the situation may change, but for the time being, this is how we shall be moving forward.

CLASSWORK DURING THIS TIME

1) During our time out of the classroom, NO work will be collected for credit. All materials provided to you are OPTIONAL, but will ultimately aid you on the AP Exam.

2) Weekly reviews will be available either Monday or Tuesday and posted to the class website under the "Important Information for Class" tab. Use the study materials to help you review for the exam. Some of the activities may not have been created by Ms. Smith or myself, but by other teachers, so if something seems unfamiliar, just roll with it.

3) Reviews in AP classroom will be opened soon (see #3 in *AP TESTING* section). There are still some glitches with the system as everyone is scrambling right now. Please be patient.

4) Email questions you may have. If there are questions that others may have as well, I will collect questions and post answers to them in one document Friday or Saturday of the current week. Please submit all questions by 11:59 pm on Thursday to guarantee inclusion in that week's Q & A.

AP TESTING

1) As you may know, College Board has decided to go ahead with AP testing. The test for AP Human Geography will cover the following units:

- Thinking Geographically
- Population & Migration
- Culture
- Political Geography
- Agriculture

Since we made it through all the units required for the AP exam, the time we have can be fully dedicated to review.

2) The current plan being developed for students to be able to take the exam online at home on a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone with the following format (subject to change):

- 45 minutes exam
- NO Multiple Choice, only FRQs (This is not confirmed, but the most likely scenario)
- Once exam is started it CANNOT be stopped – you have to sit down and do it all at once
- AP will provide two different test dates, however those dates have not been released.
- Colleges support this decision made by College Board, so if you score high enough to receive credit at the college of your choice, you will.

3) College Board is providing access to [free, live AP review lessons](#). These will be taught by actual AP teachers from across the U.S. The first few ones provided for our class deal with urbanization, which is NOT being tested, so you may ignore these (or use them to increase your knowledge base). Live lessons will also be recorded so you will be able to access them at any time.

4) It is possible that the College Board may allow you to withdraw from the test, but no official word has been given.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RETURN

Should school resume to finish the year, the rest of the content will be covered, so reading and working on the Urbanization unit will not go to waste, and the final will cover the entire course which makes this preparation and review time important.

HOW DO I DO THIS?

Establish a schedule. For those of you who have university aspirations, this is the perfect opportunity to get used to this format.

- Select a good study partner, or partners.
- Hide distractions. The only background noise should be some smooth jazz or classical music.
- Spend 20 – 30 minutes each day. Either reading, using Quizlet, AP resources, quizzing your friends, etc. (See #1)
- Go outside and put your knowledge into practice.
- Search and read articles related to the topic you are reviewing to gather more insight.

Let's make the best of this situation!!

-Spencer

