AP Human Geography

Summer Assignment

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To help you get in the geographer’s mindset, I’ve put together a summer assignment that will prepare you for AP Human Geography in the fall. If you need to contact me, my email is [moore.kerry@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:moore.kerry@mail.fcboe.org). You can find a copy of this assignment at my Blackboard website. This assignment is worth 100 total points. Have fun!

***PART 1 – Country Investigation (80 points)***

Pick one of the following countries to investigate in detail:

*Nigeria*

*India*

*Japan*

*Russia*

*Mexico*

*China*

*Germany*

*South Africa*

*Australia*

As you research your chosen country, take notes in the table on page 2 (this is an AP class—I want good, copious notes!). You can make this table on another sheet if you need to. Use the following sources to conduct your research.

* CIA World Factbook (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>)
* Library of Congress, Country Studies (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/> - Use “Choose A Country Study” on the right side of the page)
* British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Country Profiles (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm>)
* Ethnologue (<http://www.ethnologue.com/statistics/country>)
* Any other websites approved by me via email

Use the information you assembled in the table to write an essay about your chosen country. Handwrite this on a separate sheet of paper. Use the essay rubric to write the best essay possible.

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| **ESSAY RUBRIC** | | | | |
| **CATEGORY** | **8 points—Exceeds expectations** | **6-7 points—Meets expectations** | **3-5 points—Developing expectations** | **1-3 points—Does not meet expectations** |
| *Paragraph Length* | Every paragraph has 6-7 sentences that vary in length. | Almost all paragraphs have 6-7 sentences that vary in length. | Paragraph has less than 6 sentences. Some sentences vary in length. | Less than 5 sentences per paragraph. Sentences rarely vary in length. |
| *Grammar & Spelling* | The writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | The writer makes 1 error in grammar or spelling that distracts the reader from the content. | The writer makes 2-3 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | The writer makes more than 3 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. |
| *Essay Length* | The essay is at least four paragraphs long. | The essay is three paragraphs long. | The essay is two paragraphs long. | The essay is less than two paragraphs long. |
| *Accuracy of Facts (Content)* | All supportive facts are reported accurately. | Almost all supportive facts are reported accurately. | Most supportive facts are reported accurately. | NO facts are reported OR most are inaccurately reported. |
| *Focus on Topic (Content)* | There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information. | Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general. | Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information. | The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information. |

ESSAY NOTES score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/40 possible points

ESSAY score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/40 possible points

MAP score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20 possible points

Summer Assignment Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 possible points

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| **ESSAY NOTES** | | |
| **Research Category** | **Your Notes** | **Points Earned (Out of Four)** |
| *Capital City* |  |  |
| *Population* |  |  |
| *Form of government* |  |  |
| *Leader and leader’s title* |  |  |
| *Form of currency and value against the dollar* |  |  |
| *Three biggest religions (include percentages)* |  |  |
| *Four most common languages (include percentages)* |  |  |
| *Three largest ethnic groups (include percentages)* |  |  |
| *Two popular foods* |  |  |
| *Two cultural taboos* |  |  |

***PART 2 – World Culture Regions Map (20 points)***

Use the attached blank world map to label the following culture regions and major bodies of water. Rivers must be hand-drawn onto the map.

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| ***Culture Regions*** | | ***Bodies of Water*** | |
| *North America* |  | *Atlantic Ocean* |  |
| *Middle America* |  | *Pacific Ocean* |  |
| *South America* |  | *Indian Ocean* |  |
| *Europe* |  | *Arctic Ocean* |  |
| *Russia* |  | *Mediterranean Sea* |  |
| *North Africa* |  | *Black Sea* |  |
| *Southwest Asia* |  | *Baltic Sea* |  |
| *Sub-Saharan Africa* |  | *Caspian Sea* |  |
| *East Asia* |  | *Red Sea* |  |
| *South Asia* |  | *North Sea* |  |
| *Southeast Asia* |  | *Nile River* |  |
| *Australia* |  | *Indus River* |  |
| *Pacific Realm* |  | *Yellow River* |  |
|  |  | *Yangtze River* |  |
|  |  | *Amazon River* |  |
|  |  | *Tigris River* |  |
|  |  | *Mississippi River* |  |

