

AP Human Geography

Mr. Scott Wallace

scwallace@wsd.net

801-452-4737

Objective – AP Human Geography is a rigorous year-long course that focuses on preparing students to take and pass the AP Human Geography exam to earn college credit. The most important requirement that all students need to understand is that this is a college-level course. This is not a junior high class or even a high school class. I'm going to do my best to prepare you for the exam. I'm on your side. I'm not trying to ruin your life; I'm trying to increase your chance of passing the AP exam.

- The AP Exam is a timed test. Students will have 60 minutes to complete 75 multiple choice questions and an additional 75 minutes to complete 3 FRQ's.
- The test date is Tuesday, May 14th. Cost for the test is \$94.00 (due in March).
- The test is not required, but highly recommended.
- Scores will be available the first week of July.

Grading Breakdown for 1st, 3rd, and 4th Quarters

Tests – 45%

FRQ's – 20%

Assignments – 35%

Grading Breakdown for 2nd Quarter only

Tests – 65%

No FRQ's 2nd Quarter

Assignments – 35%

A 93%

B 84%

C 74%

D 64%

A- 90%

B- 80%

C- 70%

D- 60%

B+ 87%

C+ 77%

D+ 67%

F Less than 60%

Tests: Tests make up the largest percentage of the student's grade. On the AP exam, the multiple choice section will represent 50% of the student's final score.

- **Unit Tests:** Throughout the year, there will be 7 unit tests. These tests are all multiple choice and will be similar to the real AP exam.
- **Vocabulary Tests:** There will be many vocabulary tests (1-2 per week). These tests are all matching style.
- **Chapter Reading Tests:** Chapters 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 12 all have chapter reading tests. These tests are also multiple choice.
- All tests will be timed in a similar fashion so that students can learn to properly pace themselves.
- Tests may be made up, but students will only receive 80% of their retake score. In the case of Unit Tests, a Grade Saver must be submitted prior to the test retake.

Grade Savers: A Grade Saver is an extra-credit opportunity. Student's may complete test corrections for Unit Tests and submit them for extra credit. Grade Savers must be turned in within two weeks of the original test. The extra credit points will be added to the "Tests" section of the grade scale.

FRQ's: FRQ stands for Free Response Question. These are essentially essay questions.

- On the AP exam, there will be a total of 3 FRQ's, and students will have 75 minutes to complete them.
- The FRQ section of the AP exam will represent 50% of the student's final grade.
- FRQ's will be written both inside and outside of class time.
- There will be no FRQ's assigned 2nd Quarter.

Assignments – Assignments will include things like guided reading worksheets, vocabulary worksheets, maps, and crosswords, and will be done both inside and outside of class.

Late Work – Late work is accepted but may be docked 5% each class day it is late, up to 25%, depending on the situation. Please have all late work turned in within two weeks of the original due date.

Citizenship – As per school policy, students tardy three times per quarter will earn an "N." Students tardy five times per quarter will earn a "U." Unexcused absences will also result in a "U." In my class, citizenship grades can be improved during the quarter.

Policies – All policies of Orion Jr. High School and Weber School District will be enforced.

Note: Please utilize my website (earth2wallace.com) for access to a more detailed course syllabus as well as a class supply list.

Parent Signature _____

Phone # _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____