



You are receiving this signature sheet and letter because you are currently registered for AP Human Geography. Please read the course description, expectations, and letter. Please return this signature slip with student and parent signatures to Mr. Bush by class time Wednesday, August 28th 2019. I am extremely excited about this course and I hope you share my enthusiasm. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Bush (bushr@dewittschools.net).

AP Human Geography Course Description

This class introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and organization of the earth. This class is designed to meet AP standards and requirements. The class will prepare students to take the AP Human Geography National Exam in the spring. **STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PREPARE FOR AND TAKE THE AP NATIONAL EXAM.**

AP Human Geography Expectations

1. Students will come to class prepared and ready for engagement.
2. Students will complete independent work outside of class and know that the pace of learning will be faster than those of honors or regular track classes.
3. Students understand a high level of independent study is required on their part.
4. Students will meet deadlines for assignments.
5. Students will seek extra help when needed.
6. Students will prepare diligently for the AP National Exam.
7. Students will be assessed frequently with AP release test items and timed tests.
8. Students will approach coursework with open minds and positive attitude.
9. Students will need 30 minutes to 1 hour outside of class everyday if they spread out the work appropriately.
10. Students will need to read around 20 - 40 pages of text per week. Students need to read carefully and thoughtfully and take notes as they read.
11. Students will have quizzes over each section and exams for each unit of study. Exams are a combination of a multiple choice and essay questions.
12. Students will read numerous primary sources and supplemental readings throughout the course.



Other Information

- We will watch various clips and videos throughout the year relating to Human Geography concepts; all clips/videos will be ‘G’ or ‘PG’ and on occasion ‘PG-13’. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me (bushr@dewittschools.net). Clips/videos could include, but not limited to:
 - King Corn
 - Guns, Germs, and Steel
 - TedTalks
 - Food Inc.
 - Race the Power of an Illusion
 - Gapminder
 - Postville: When Cultures Collide
 - Inside North Korea
 - Whale Rider
 - A Hot Dog Program
- The AP National Exam will occur on May 5th, 2020.
- The AP National Exam will cover the entire textbook and outside resources.
- College credit is possible if a high enough score is achieved on the national exam.
- There will be a significant review period prior to the national exam, this will involve independent study, starting two months prior to the national exam.
- There are lots of resources available for our AP Human Geography course to help you review and better understand the material being covered, including our AP Human Geography website (www.bushdewitt.weebly.com)

Cut along line and return

Need both student and parent/guardian signatures below – Please return this sheet with parent/guardian and student signatures to Mr. Bush by Wednesday, August 28th 2019.

I have read and will abide by the AP Human Geography Student Expectations.

Student

Name: _____

Student

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to inform you about a couple important pieces of information for your student's AP Human Geography class.

The first piece of information is about our class website. You can access our website via a smart phone or computer with Internet access. The web address is: www.bushdewitt.weebly.com. Almost all of the material and handouts that we will use in class are located on our website. Students will receive hard copies in class, but if they lose their copy or miss class they can get what they need from our website. Also on the website, is a weekly calendar that lists assignments and due dates.

The second piece of information deals with the AP Human Geography National Exam on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020. This exam will cover the entire textbook and outside resources. Student's scores on the exam will not affect their grade in our class. However, earning college credit is possible (depending on the college or university) if a high enough score is achieved on the exam. This can help college-bound students save time and money, being that an introductory level geography class is a general education requirement at most colleges and universities. Students are strongly encouraged to prepare for and take the AP Human Geography National Exam. Just like the ACT or SAT there is a fee that students must pay in order to take an AP National Exam, the cost is \$100.

I want to thank you for your time and I look forward to working with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call (668-3114) or email me (bushr@dewittschools.net).

Mr. Bush