

Advanced Placement Human Geography Unit Guide

Unit 1: Thinking Geographically

Unit Overview

In this unit, you will learn the foundations necessary for the study of human geography, along with the concepts and vocabulary needed to understand the content that we will be covering throughout the rest of the year.

Key Terms

1. Reference maps
2. Thematic maps
3. Map projection
4. Absolute location
5. Relative location
6. Absolute direction
7. Relative direction
8. Absolute distance
9. Relative distance
10. Clustering
11. GIS
12. GPS
13. Remote sensing
14. Place (sense of place, Placelessness)
15. Distance decay
16. Time-space compression
17. Site
18. Situation
19. Environmental determinism
20. Possibilism
21. Sustainability
22. Formal region
23. Functional/Nodal region
24. Vernacular/Perceptual region
25. Scale of Analysis
26. Map scale
27. Topography

Assignment Checklist

- ☐ Unit vocabulary

- ☐ Map projection classwork
- ☐ Personal Progress Check on AP Classroom
- ☐ Practice FRQ in AP Classroom: Environmental Determinism vs Possibilism (grouped)