

**AP Human Geography**  
**Ms. Fairbank**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Period-- 9:30-10:15**

**Course Description:**

In AP Human Geography, students will learn about how humans have influenced the world. Topics include world geography, population, economic development, cultural patterns and processes, political organization of space, agriculture and rural land use, industrialization, and urban planning. In addition to the textbook, students will use maps, charts, articles, and primary sources to acquire, process, and synthesize information. The class prepares students to take the AP Human Geography exam offered through College Board in May. With a high enough score on this exam, students can earn college credit.

**Course Goals:**

Students are expected to develop critical thinking skills, to keep up with reading assignments, and to begin the process of historical analysis critical to understanding and interpreting the past.

**Textbook:**

All students are required to have the textbook for this course. We will be using *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*, 13<sup>th</sup> edition, by James M. Rubenstein. It is available for students to rent or buy in the bookstore.

**Grading Scale:**

- A 90 – 100
- B 80 – 89
- C 75 – 79
- D 70 – 74
- F 69 and below

**Grade Breakdown:**

- Tests – 30%
- Homework – 25%
- Participation – 15%
- Quizzes – 10%
- Final Exam – 20%

**Homework/Grading Policy:**

All homework is designed to propel student understanding. As such, students will frequently receive homework which is expected to be completed prior to the class period it is due. Unless students talk to me and receive an extension before class, late work will receive a 10% deduction per day late. Students that fail to turn in assignments altogether will receive a 0. If there is a legitimate reason you are unable to complete your homework, please talk to me and we will work something out.

**Class Expectations:**

1. Students are expected to be on time and in their seat when the bell rings.
2. Students are expected to have all technology put away including laptops, Chromebooks, and cell phones unless I give you permission to have it out.
3. Students are expected to be prepared for class and ready to learn.
4. Students are expected to respect both their teacher and their fellow peers.
5. Students are expected to adhere to the school Code of Conduct.

**Please review the school policy concerning dress code and cell phone use. These policies will be strictly enforced.**

**Class Materials:**

1. Notebook
  2. Pencil/Pen
  3. School Chromebook
  4. Textbook
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