

[AP Human Geography](#)

Summer Assignment – EXTRA CREDIT

Introduction:

Want to start the year off with extra credit, a huge knowledge base, and a head start in your AP class, then this assignment is for you. This extra credit assignment is designed to give you a broad understanding of Geography and HUMAN geography as it will apply to your course.

Harm de Blij, the author of the book, is one of the most famous geographers in the world. For many years he was the editor for the National Geographic Society and has published over 30 books. *Why Geography Matters* is designed to explain the discipline of geography to the general public. Most people think geography is memorizing capital cities and mountain ranges, this is only a small part of it. When you finish this assignment, you will see that geography is much more than this.

Reflection Paper

I selected *Why Geography Matters More Than Ever* because it is eminently readable, broadly informative, and specifically focuses on some important aspect of geography such as population growth, energy consumption, immigration, ethnic conflict, globalization, cultural landscape, and geopolitics. We will be discussing each of the terms in great depth and this book will help you gain a strong knowledge base.

After reading *Why Geography Matters More Than Ever* students are to write a reflection paper based on the following rubric. As is expected with all written assignments in AP Human Geography, make sure you Word-Process your assignments:

- using no larger than 12 font
- Times New Roman
- Double-Spaced.

This assignment was created using the book ISBN: 978-0-19-991374-9

You may use different/older/newer versions of this book, but please indicate which edition you are using in your introductory paragraph. Some of the additional materials may need to be looked up with outside resources if you are using an alternate text.

Some chapters may not directly translate across editions, that is fine as well. The core concepts are still the same.

Point deductions will be taken off if this format is not followed. With regard to length of response, five pages typed in total would be considered appropriate.

Typed refers to size 12, acceptable fonts for papers are generally Times New Roman or Calibri, If you do not know how to properly format your document please come and see me, or send an e-mail to JDalton@rivercityscience.org.

The following assignment must be typed, printed, and turned in on day one of class in order to receive credit.

Please use the following rubric as a guide to how to organize your paper:

Section	Score Possible	Score Received	
Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author's Name • Place of Publication • Date of Publication • Number of Pages in the book 	5	Score:	Rationale:
Summary of the Chapters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While reading pull out the five main points from each chapter, you may bullet point these out. Each summary should be a minimum of 2-3 sentences that describe a key concept of the chapter. • This is the bulk of the assignment and should be taken seriously. 	30 (11 Chapters, 5 per) *Will be adjusted if using a different version of the text*	Score:	Rationale:
Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did the author intend for the reader in writing this book? Did you have a misconception of Human Geography prior to completing this exam? Explain your answer. 	5	Score:	Rationale:
Appraisal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you like/dislike this book and why? • Did you feel like anything was missing or poorly represented in this book? Explain. 	5	Score:	Rationale:
Overall Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This grade relates to how well your essay is written, presented, and includes things such as grammar and spelling. 	5	Score:	Rationale:
Total Grade This is your total grade for this assignment.	50 (Extra Credit) – Standards Based Category		