I promise you will enjoy APHuG, but it is a college-level class and is intense. The purpose of a summer assignment is to help develop your interest, motivate you to want to learn more, and begin to develop and fine-tune skills needed for work in the course throughout the year.

I. Reading:

Please read *Prisoners of Geography: Ten maps that explain everything about the world* by Tim Marshall. You can take it out of the library or purchase it. I can get you a copy for $14 and have you pick it up before school is over. The book touches on many of the themes of our course and is well-written and lively. As you read, keep a “reader response journal” making note of interesting things or posing questions. I suggest getting a notebook for the course and using that. This assignment should be completed by September 5. It will be worth 100 points and grading will be based on a comprehensive journal and your contribution to discussion of the book.

II. Maps

The final part of your summer work is not an actual deliverable assignment, but IS something you will be assessed on: You should learn the major regions and countries of the world. APHG is NOT about memorizing lots of geographic sites, but a background of geographic knowledge is important for doing well in the course and on the AP exam. I include several maps to help you, and list (below) two good map quiz sites. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TURN IN THESE MAPS. But, about 2 weeks into the school year, we will have one or more map quizzes:

- [https://www.sporcle.com/games/category/geography](https://www.sporcle.com/games/category/geography)
- [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm)

I look forward to having you in class during 2019-20 and I’m sure that we are going to learn a lot together. Be ready to contribute to class as the course will only be as good as your input. Please get in touch with me during the summer with any questions.

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