

**AP Human Geography (SY 2019-2020)**  
**Summer Assignment Directions and Parent Letter**

February 26, 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

I am excited that you have decided to accept the challenge of taking an Advanced Placement class, which is a university-level course taught in high school. I began this course at Lemon Bay High School in 2004, and I am excited to teach this class again next year. I am dedicated to providing a challenging and rewarding academic experience for each one of you.

I promise that you will strengthen your academic, intellectual, observation, and discussion skills in this class. Additionally, I promise that each of you will become a stronger writer from this course. Intrinsic in any AP course is an increased workload and the time to review outside of class. Students should expect to spend about forty-five minutes to one hour each day on the work in the course, much of which is reading and note taking.

This course is a web-enhanced course and consequently students will use e-mail (preferably their CCPS Gmail), the course website (Google Classroom), and various other computer-based and Internet programs to enhance their learning opportunities. This creates a very rich academic environment where students will experience making and using GIS programs, and have the capacity to communicate and learn outside of the traditional class time.

Part of entering an AP class is an assumption of a certain level of background knowledge and skills. With this in mind, the course requires the completion of a summer assignment. Your summer assignment has been designed to expose you to some of the topics in the course. Please take note that the assignment has two parts: a written analysis section and a maps section. While it is not an overly long summer assignment, it will take you more than one day, or even one week, to complete. So, begin now and do a little each day. You will finish with plenty of summer break remaining. Please read the directions carefully, and then follow the directions. **All of the work is due on the first day of classes.** Please bring your completed assignments on that day. Paperclip your work, but do not staple it, and make sure your name is on the top. **Late work is not accepted for any reason.**

During my summer break, I am always available to help students via email. Students, and parents, may feel free to email me at [cmramsay@comcast.net](mailto:cmramsay@comcast.net). Regardless of where I am in the summer, I always have access to this email address. I will usually respond within 24 hours of receiving your email. If you email, please be specific about what exactly you need help with, and identify who you are for me. I am looking forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely,

Colin M. Ramsay