

AP Human Geography Basic Background Knowledge List

Part of entering an AP class is an assumption of a certain level of background knowledge and skills. Please review and be prepared to take an assessment the first week of school in the fall relating to this list. The US map is identification. The other two assessments will be primarily matching. Do not worry about spelling. Don't stress out about this, but do some review and familiarize yourself with this information. Think of this knowledge as the ABC's and 1,2,3's of geography.

Basic map and atlas skills –

- Using an atlas to locate information
- Reading and interpreting a map
- Using latitude and longitude to locate and find places

Be able to locate on a map the following places-

General Stuff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Oceans <input type="checkbox"/> 7 continents <input type="checkbox"/> Equator <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Capricorn 	Major Mountain Ranges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Himalayas <input type="checkbox"/> Rockies <input type="checkbox"/> Andes <input type="checkbox"/> Alps <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasus <input type="checkbox"/> Urals <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian <input type="checkbox"/> Pyrenees 	Major Rivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rhine <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon <input type="checkbox"/> Yangtze <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges <input type="checkbox"/> Nile <input type="checkbox"/> Congo
Major Deserts / random other stuff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sahara <input type="checkbox"/> Great Sandy Desert Australia <input type="checkbox"/> Gobi <input type="checkbox"/> Siberia 	Major Climate Regions- which parts of the world fit each category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Mild <input type="checkbox"/> Continental <input type="checkbox"/> Polar 	Major Bodies of Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Great Lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Black Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Red Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Arabian Sea <input type="checkbox"/> South China Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Aral Sea
Chokepoints (Straits and Channels) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Gibraltar <input type="checkbox"/> Panama Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Suez Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> English Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Bosphorus & Dardanelles <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Hormuz 	Major World Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New York City <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> Tokyo <input type="checkbox"/> Paris <input type="checkbox"/> Cairo <input type="checkbox"/> Sydney <input type="checkbox"/> Sao Paulo <input type="checkbox"/> Johannesburg <input type="checkbox"/> Moscow <input type="checkbox"/> Hong Kong <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> Beijing <input type="checkbox"/> Bombay (Mumbai) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico City <input type="checkbox"/> Tehran <input type="checkbox"/> Washington D.C. <input type="checkbox"/> Lagos <input type="checkbox"/> Calcutta <input type="checkbox"/> Toronto <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore 	
Canadian Provinces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia <input type="checkbox"/> Yukon Territory <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta <input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Territories <input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have some sense of development levels of regions? Rich (Highly Developed), Developing (Middle Income), Poor (Less Developed) 	Major World Regions – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> South East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Sahel Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America

<input type="checkbox"/> Quebec <input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland and Labrador <input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario	<input type="checkbox"/> Know some cultural characteristics of regions – major religions, languages, ethnicities etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Central America <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Western Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Former USSR <input type="checkbox"/> Oceania
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Country identification – you need to be able to identify where these countries are on a map.

Africa <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Madagascar <input type="checkbox"/> Sudan <input type="checkbox"/> Niger <input type="checkbox"/> Algeria <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria <input type="checkbox"/> Somalia <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> Libya <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya <input type="checkbox"/> Chad <input type="checkbox"/> Mali <input type="checkbox"/> Congo/Zaire <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda <input type="checkbox"/> Botswana <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe	North America & South America <input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Argentina <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba <input type="checkbox"/> Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti <input type="checkbox"/> Chile <input type="checkbox"/> Honduras <input type="checkbox"/> Colombia <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador <input type="checkbox"/> Bahamas <input type="checkbox"/> Peru <input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico	Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> Thailand <input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> India <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Burma <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia <input type="checkbox"/> China <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia <input type="checkbox"/> South Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand
Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> Russia <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden <input type="checkbox"/> Greece <input type="checkbox"/> Romania <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakia <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Croatia <input type="checkbox"/> Yugoslavia <input type="checkbox"/> Germany <input type="checkbox"/> France <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> Italy <input type="checkbox"/> Poland <input type="checkbox"/> Finland <input type="checkbox"/> Bosnia	Southwest Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait <input type="checkbox"/> Syria <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia <input type="checkbox"/> Israel <input type="checkbox"/> Iran <input type="checkbox"/> Jordan <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan All 50 US States and Regions <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast <input type="checkbox"/> Midwest <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific West	

Online map quizzes and games:
<http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/>

<http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/geography.asp>

<http://jimspages.com/States.htm>

<http://www.thecooler.info/travel/game1.html?3613=834f> Click on start. My favorite game

<http://www.funbrain.com/where/index.html> Click on SHOW ME THE MAPS.

<http://www.jetpunk.com/quizzes/how-many-countries-can-you-name.php> Countries of the World Quiz

Other resources

<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/maps>

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm>