

2023 Advanced Placement® Human Geography

About the AP® Human Geography Summer Institute

The AP Human Geography workshop is designed to offer teachers an opportunity to become more familiar with, and better prepared to teach the course. Each unit of the Human Geography course will be addressed through a brief analysis of the major topics, a sample lesson, and additional lesson ideas. Other aspects of the workshop include the use and value of fieldwork, a discussion of textbooks and ancillary resources, and a review of the questions, rubrics, and sample answers from previous examinations. A significant amount of time will be dedicated to familiarizing the participants with AP Classroom and other resources provided by the College Board for both teachers and students. The matter of helping the students become as well prepared as possible for the exam will be an underlying theme of the workshop. There will likely be a couple of short homework assignments throughout the week.

Some textbooks (electronic versions and perhaps some hard copies) from a variety of publishers will likely be available (depending upon the generosity of the publishers).

Learning Objectives

- How to get the students thinking like geographers (thinking spatially)
- How to prepare the students for both the multiple choice and the free response questions on the exam
- How to score free response (essay) questions similar to the Reading
- How to manage the huge number of topics by focusing on the big ideas of each unit
- How to help students make the links and connections within the course, and how this will greatly assist them in answering ‘unexpected’ multiple-choice and free-response questions
- How to emphasize the significance of scale throughout the course
- How to deal with the importance of vocabulary without memorizing
- How to utilize the new Course and Exam Description (CED) handbook to develop a complete instructional plan for your semester/year, as well as to develop lesson plans that reinforce the connections between the necessary skills and topics
- How to use the College Board’s AP Classroom to provide opportunities for both formative and summative assessments
- How to interpret data within the Instructional Planning Report to identify student strengths and weaknesses and reflect on implications for instruction.
- How to incorporate various instructional strategies and tools into your lesson plans

Tentative Daily Schedule:

The tentative agenda is as follows: (*italicized items are AP Mandated Topics for APSIs*)

Day 1: Monday

- Introduction to the Week & AP Human Geography
- Thinking Geographically
 - Getting your students to “Think Like a Geographer”
 - The Crash of Boxtop 22 at the Top of the World

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- Changing Cultural/Human Landscape
 - Landscape of ????
 - Diffusion
- *Analysis & Discussion of the Course and Exam Description (CED)*
- Population and Migration Patterns and Processes
 - Population Distribution and Densities
 - The Demographic Transition Model
 - Population Policies

Day 2: Tuesday

- Cultural Patterns and Processes
 - Religious Landscapes
 - Gender Geography
 - Language
 - Language families – Numbers 1 – 10
- Political Patterns and Processes
 - Territoriality, Sovereignty, Nation, State, Nation-state
 - Geography and Election Campaigns
 - Gerrymandering
- *Strategies and Pedagogical Tools**
- Resources (texts, exam prep. books, & others)

Day 3: Wednesday

- Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes
 - Location Analysis
 - Location of Volvo Dealership
 - Location of Alcan, Ford, Peppler-Sklar factories
 - Location Theories
 - Economic Development
 - Assessing and Quantifying
 - Development Models – Rostow and Wallerstein
- *AP Classroom*
- Agricultural and Rural Land Use Patterns and Processes
 - Changes in Agriculture
 - Von Thünen's Agricultural Land Use Model

Day 4: Thursday

- Cities and Urban Land Use Patterns and Processes
 - Urban vs Rural
 - World Urbanization
 - Christaller & Central Place Theory
 - Urban Models
 - Analysis of Internal Social/Economic Patterns of Cities (Statistics / Regina / Atlanta)
 - Megacities Project
 - Ideal Cities Project
- *Assess and Reflect*
- *Planning and Developing a Course (Semester or Year-long)*
- AP Examination (format, style of questions, scoring, the Reading, etc.)
- Field Trip – Field Work
- Working as a Geographer - Careers

**In addition to the discussion of Strategies and Pedagogical Tools on Tuesday, the topic will also be incorporated throughout the entire workshop as participants discuss various activities and assignments.*

What to bring:

Items you should bring during the week include:

- a laptop computer or tablet & storage device (not essential but useful)
- 5 – 6 colored pencils or markers
- comfortable clothes and shoes for walking in the summer heat
- a light sweatshirt or sweater in case you get chilly in the AC

Instructor:



John Trites has been closely involved with the AP Human Geography course since its inception. He was on the original Test Development Committee for 7 years and he has been involved with all but one of the in-person examination Readings. At the Readings, John has acted as a Reader, Table Leader, and Question Leader. He was on the original writing team that developed one of the Test Preparation books for the course, as well as the team that has recently updated and revised the book.

John enjoys working with both new and experienced APHG teachers and has conducted numerous weekend and week-long workshops throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia. He taught high school Geography in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia for 33 years. In addition to teaching the APHG course to students in a regular classroom setting, he also taught APHG online to students in several schools throughout his area. He continues to teach Human Geography to pre-service teachers at Acadia University and frequently visits and works with pre-service teachers in other Atlantic Canadian universities.