Mr. Beckman’s AP Human Geography Syllabus

AP Human Geography is a college level course which examines how humans use their environment and how populations interact with the world, culture, and government. We will cover topics such as food distribution, agriculture, urbanization, population, demographics, migration and globalization. This class will involve a great deal of reading, writing and discussion all of which help students prepare for the final AP Exam.

**Expectations**1. Be Respectful- To me, other teachers, and the administration and to your fellow classmates.   
2. Be Prepared-If you are assigned readings or homework, make sure you bring it in the day it is due. Come prepared each day with paper and something to write with.   
3. NO food in the classroom! Unless I provide it.   
4. NO cellphones, mp3 players, ipods or tablets unless directly told you can use them for an assignment.   
5. Don’t line up at the door in the last few minutes of class. When the bell rings, that’s when you get up and head out. Put your desk back into order and pick up any trash you happen to leave behind.   
6. Treat the classroom with respect!! Other teachers and students use it!!!  
7. This is a college level course, so a very high level of work ethic is expected.

**Grading Breakdown**

Engagement includes classwork, homework, in-class essays, and any other type of in class activity outside of quizzes, test and projects. Quizzes will be given occasionally, and will occur more frequently in longer units. Tests will be given once at the end of each unit. Projects will be discussed in greater detail as they arrive. A large part of your engadgement grade will come in the form of an FRQ, free response questions. FRQ’s are argumentative and descriptive essays which answer a specific prompt or question support by facts or ideas learned in class. FRQ’s follow a specific rubric and style which we will practice on. Although FRQ’s are in the engagement portion of the gradebook, they count for double.

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| Engagement | 50% |
| Quizzes | 15% |
| Tests and Projects | 35% |

**The AP Exam**The Human Geography exam is currently scheduled for May 13th, 2017. It will consist of two timed sections, one multiple choice and the other has 2-3 FRQs. A student can receive a score of a 1 to a 5. In order to get college credit a 3 is required.

**Technology Policy**Controlled and approved use of technology will occur, but not often. When it does I will notify students and parents ahead of time. During 95% of the class, phones or laptops will not be used. As this class involves a great deal of interaction with news and current events, websites will be occasionally be used to gather information on what is going on in the world.

**Cellphone Policy**AP Human Geography is a college level class and there are college level expecations of behavior. I will not collect your phones at the beginning of class but abusing this policy will result in the phones being taken away and for regular discipline actions to occur.

**Late Work**I totally understand that students get sick or have to be out. On an excused absence students can complete any missed work within 3 days of their return for full credit. On an unexcused absence, the highest a student can receive on work is 50%.

**Website**My website can be found through the PCHS website when it becomes updated for the 2016-2017 year. Information there includes my bio, the syllabus and the descriptions and rubrics for major assignments.

**Contact Information**If you need to contact me the best way is either through email or by calling the PCHS office.  
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I am looking forward to an excellent and educational year!