

Welcome to AP Human Geography!!

Prior to the start of the 2017-2018 AP Human Geography course, students are required to choose one book from the attached list to read over the summer. These books relate to themes that will be covered in class. Find these books in amazon.com and read the summary. This will help you determine your selection.

A key advantage for you in this course will be your ability to broaden your “worldview”. We will utilize articles from the following magazines over the course of the year... *The Economist, Newsweek, Time*, and news websites like BBC and CNN. I recommend you take a moment each week to familiarize yourself with events that shape our world. There will be many discussions in class based on putting the principles that we learn into practice. The broader and deeper your “worldview”, the more you bring to these discussions.

When we come back in September, you will be required to analyze your book **in class**, based on the guidelines stated below. Please familiarize yourself with the instructions below. If you have any questions, please email me at charles.amanda@cranfordschools.org, or Mr. Mangarelli at mangarelli@cranfordschools.org We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles and Mr. Mangarelli

Instructions:

I. Origin

A Author's name, place of publication, date of publication, number of pages in book.

II. Analysis (find the purpose and value of the author’s viewpoint(s))

A Author's objectives. What was the author’s intent (purpose)?

B Why is the author’s message important to understanding the global society we live in? (Who benefits? How?)

III. Appraisal

A Did you like/dislike the book and why? Provide evidence to support your claims. Please be as specific as possible.

IV. Discussion Questions

A Write five open-ended questions that will be used to spark discussion with a small group about this book. The questions should not be able to be answered with a simple “yes” or “no” response. You do not need to answer these questions.

Human Geography Reading List (you must choose ONE book from the list below)

1. **Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal** – Eric Schlosser
2. **Food Inc.: A Participant Guide: How Industrial Food is Making Us Sicker, Fatter, and Poorer-And What You Can Do About It** – edited by Karl Weber
3. **And the Mountains Echoed**-Khaled Hosseini
4. **How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization** - Franklin Foer
5. **Reading Lolita in Tehran:** Azar Nafisi
6. **Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything** - Steven Levitt
7. **We Just Want to Live Here: An Unlikely Teenage Friendship in the Two Jersusems** - Amal Rifa'I and Odelia Ainbinder
8. **Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan** – Greg Mortenson
9. **Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide** - Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

