

THE AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AMAZING RACE

Objective: To apply the knowledge you have gained in AP Human Geography into an amazing race around the Globe. You will need to do basic and specific research for many different places in the world. You will need to document basic statistics, and well as dig deeper to discover those rare, bizarre, intriguing, and fascinating cultural practices of peoples from the world. If you can develop a theme for your journey, that will be even nicer!

This project is **due 6/4 or 6/5** no exceptions! An excused absence will not be reason enough to accept this late. **You may work with one, two, or three partners (so a 4 group max). NO INDIVIDUALS. REMEMBER: Work with people you trust! You live with the group...you die with the group! This is one of the challenges of this project!**

Directions:

- You are to design an "AMAZING RACE" for a 7 day period. Your racers need to visit **5 total places on 4 different continents**. It is up to you to decide how to split it all up. Keep in mind travel times, sleeping time, activity times, etc. (Yes, you have to get / document at least 6 hours of sleep (in a 24 hr. period) in your lodging! Sleeping on the plane can count only if the flight is 7+ hours. Aside from any requirements given, (state shapes, LDC/MDC's, Continents, activity types) you have the freedom to select the remaining as you see fit any way you want.
***For the project, your inclusive travel dates will be **12:01am SUN. ? – 11:59 pm SAT. ? (YOU CAN USE ANY WEEK IN THE YEAR!** Your trip clock **BEGINS** with the departure of your first flight out of Charlotte, and **ENDS** when you arrive at whatever airport for your return flight back to Charlotte. (Total of 168 hours max)
- You need to visit at least 1 More Developed Country and 1 Less Developed Country along the way. As well, ONE of your countries visited must be a Fragmented Country.
*** (Anything not specifically laid out in the project is then up to your choice to do however you wish).
- Maps are necessary! You will need to make **large and small-scale maps** for each country / city you visit. Please label each map accordingly, and document in detailed fashion, where you go. You need to make map(s) showing your travels from each place to the next. Especially one grand overview map showing your total trip / routes taken.
 - In each location your racers need to do a challenge activity, (i.e., visit a Buddhist Temple and pray with the monks) for which they must travel to a specific place. For each place/activity you will need to explain the cultural history/significance of the place and activity done at the place in your narrative. (Kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland, play golf in Scotland, participate in a voodoo ritual in Haiti, translate a passage from some famous work from its original foreign language etc.) You may or may not have an overall theme to your trip.
- Come up with a challenge (an activity), either physical or mental, at each stop along the way. These challenges must be related to the location that you choose (i.e. geographic questions, cultural questions, games, or physical challenges etc). There has to be a **cultural connection** between the challenge and the location / people or I will deduct points from your score. (Roadblock: You can't just say run a mile on some road or take a tour) Think of cultural practices/rituals you could engage in! **The most important part of this project is your research into different cultures** - who they are, what they do, and why they do it. Then clearly explain how you are interacting with that culture through a challenge activity.
- You will need a running and cumulative cost total for the travel/activities/lodging each day as well as a grand total after the 7 days. You may assume a generally unlimited budget, but within reason, and lest specific restrictions. You are NOT traveling the world as the rich and famous, but if you find some really cool, rare cultural practice to engage in, that is on the expensive side to do, go ahead and do it so we all can learn about it. Please be organized and clear when laying out your costs per country visited.
- You need to get places for lodging each night with the names of the lodge, price, and address. (Put this information with all your costs in a table or spreadsheet per place, then Calculate a total for the week). Keep in mind how many are in your group. You may share rooms, so long as one person has one side of a bed. No sleeping on the floor! **THE MORE ORGANIZED YOU ARE AND SHOW ALL THIS THE BETTER**

-Airplane travel will be necessary. You will have to document specific airline flights, times, routes, and prices for these flights. A good place to get this information is Expedia.com or Priceline.com etc. Keep in mind # of flyers in your group and book accordingly. You must travel business / economy class. Calculate the same way for train travel should you need/chose it. A flight of 7 hours or more can then be written off as sleep time.

-If you need to be driven at all to your activity, assume a taxi can go anywhere. You must calculate your mileage (Mi or Km), time it costs, and cab fare though. Assume \$1.00 per mile cost, and can travel 70 miles per hour for a cab ride. And don't forget the return trip costs! So if you have to drive to a village 50 miles away from the airport, it would be \$50 dollars and about 45 minutes **one way** (land in Dublin, Ireland, drive to Galway, Ireland. Miles / gas costs / time). And/or if you take the train to your activity the same way: find train tickets costs, miles, and train time schedules. Do your best with the train schedules. At least get us the costs (EuroPass) and estimated time it takes to get there by train. Remember, it's probably faster on the train.

-Don't include food expenses or souvenirs or things like that.

-You must have a typed narrative of the race, including at least THREE key terms from the chapters of the textbook per place visited / activity done. Example: *We visited the Tokyo Museum, which is in Japan's largest CBD (DEF). In the museum we saw artifacts depicting nationalism (DEF) stemming from Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor. When they were finished, we stepped outside to see many people using animate power (DEF) on their bicycles to get from place to place.* Within your narrative, **underline the terms** and **(place in parentheses its definition after it)**. Terms eligible are from the textbook, class notes, or the Barron's Review book. So your narrative should be between 5-8 pages (ballpark guess).

You must include an annotated bibliography with this project for all sources consulted/used. This will be large! (Minimum 15-20 sources). Please keep a running list of sources as you go so you don't have to scramble backwards to find where you got stuff. Break down BY COUNTRY!

*****You may NOT cite Wikipedia as a source for anything. Use it to find other sources by all means, or to read as a general intro/overview to something.**

PRESENTATION

This Project will be divided into 3 display facets.

1. Poster Board: This will visually display and document your race design. Maps, pictures, route plans, captions, and basic general info of your locations/activities will be placed here. Please be neat and creative with this! We all know what a good/lousy board looks like (i.e. hand written captions, displays, crookedness, sloppy gluing, or not organized. (50 pts.)

2. Research packet: Please breakdown by country, but also give an overall total! Here you will document your specific research for each country/city/place visited, and specific figures, costs, travel plans, travel times, logistics, and activity explanations will be addressed. Your country fact sheets of research will be included here as introductions. Cite your sources consulted here as you go. Please clearly label everything! (www.state.gov is a good place for this info)

*****At the end of this section, include your ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY PER COUNTRY (70 pts.)**

3. A Written narrative of your journey per Country: Take the reader on your journey through vivid descriptions, cultural enlightenments, and vocabulary tie-ins. Tell why you chose the places/ activities you did, and why they are culturally, politically, economically significant to that country. Explain the cultural significance/history of the places/activities you did. We want to learn about the people and their customs! You are not just summarizing here. Please tell a good story, and clearly explain your cultures and interactions, and when you act, sleep, fly, drive etc. Again, please label things clearly within your narrative (took a domestic flight... etc.) And don't forget the vocabulary terms inclusion! (80 pts.)

Please have a title page for parts 2 and 3. Obviously put a title on your board. **NAMES on EVERYTHING**

-All materials must be typed! No handwritten papers will be accepted

-Be creative and have fun! Any questions please see me!

-Obviously the more creative, descriptive, adventurous, detailed, clear, and research backed you are, the better your grade will be

Good luck, happy and safe travels

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COUNTRY FACT SHEET**

Race Destination # _____

Country Visited _____

Country Shape Classification _____

Country Development Classification _____

Specific Places Within Country Visited _____

Country Capital City _____ Capital City Population _____

Country Government Type _____

Current Leader(s) / Party(s) _____

Ethnicities (% breakdown) _____

National Language(s) _____

Religion(s) practiced (% practiced) _____

Traditional Cuisine Descriptions _____

Traditional Dress Descriptions _____

Famous sites of country _____

Country Population (most current available) _____

Country Population (in 1900) _____

Average Life Males _____ Females _____

National Unemployment Rate _____

Country Literacy Rate _____

Country Murder Rate _____

Crude Birth Rate _____ Crude Death Rate _____

National Infant Mortality Rate _____