

Summer Reading Assignment

One of the abiding themes in human geography is sense of place. The books listed below evoke a strong sense of place, are rich in description of place, and leave you with a strong sense of what that place is like in terms of both tangible and intangible characteristics.

This assignment is due by Friday, August 11, 2017 via email: mxc8501@lausd.net

<p>Nonfiction Angus, Colin, and Ian Mulgrew, <i>Amazon Extreme</i> (Brazil) Bryson, Bill, <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> (Appalachian Trail) Crane, George, <i>Bones of the Master</i> (Mongolia) Ehrlich, Gretel, <i>This Cold Heaven</i> (Greenland) Elliot, Jason, <i>An Unexpected Light</i> (Afghanistan) Gallmann, Kuki, <i>I Dreamed of Africa</i> (Keyna) Heat-Moon, William Least, <i>Blue Highways</i> (United States) Hessler, Peter, <i>River Town</i> (China) Jenkins, Peter, <i>Across China</i> (China) Lansing, Alfred, <i>Endurance</i> (Antarctica) Larson, Erik, <i>Isaac's Storm</i> (Galveston, Texas) Lopez, Barry, <i>Arctic Dreams</i> (Canadian Far North)</p>	<p>Nzenza-Shand, Sekai, <i>Songs to an African Sunset</i> (Zimbabwe) Taylor, Jeffrey, <i>Facing the Congo</i> (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Webster, Fred, and Marie S. Wester, <i>The Road to El Cielo</i> (Mexico) Zeppa, Jamie, <i>Beyond the Sky and the Earth</i> (Bhutan)</p> <p>Fiction Cather, Willa, <i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> (New Mexico) Grishman, John, <i>A Painted House</i> (United States) Hillerman, Tony, any of his books set in New Mexico L'Amour, Louis, <i>Last of the Breed</i> (Siberia) LaPierre, Dominique, <i>City of Joy</i> (Calcutta) Stewart, George, <i>Earth Abides</i> (United States)</p>
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Your Assignment: When we think about a place, any place, we visualize more than just location; we also think about what that place contains – or what we *think* that place contains. Geographers refer to this mental picture as a sense of place. For your summer reading, select a book that evokes a strong sense of place. Use your understanding of the article and your own sense of place as you complete this assignment:

Write a 500-700 word typed and double spaced essay. The first paragraph should be a concise synopsis of the book. Be sure to state the theme, or author's message in this paragraph. Develop the rest of your essay around the following:

- How does the author create a sense of place?
- Select two or three quotes from the book that illustrate the sense of place painted by the author. Be sure to cite correctly.
- Apply this quote to your book, "A well-developed geographical sense of place is one that looks carefully a local idiosyncrasies, keeps an open mind about them, and then sees through these to the larger patterns and process they signify" (Relph, 212).
- Is there a demonstration of a "poisoned sense of place" in the novel?

- How well does the author create a “well-defined geographical sense of place” in his book?

Map Identification

Test Date: Friday, September 8, 2017

The pacing of AP Human Geography does not allow ample time to be spent on physical geography (the location of countries, major geographic features etc.). It is the expectation that students enter into AP Human Geography with some background knowledge of physical geography. Over the summer it is critical that you take time to familiarize yourself with a world map. This is not simply a memorization – then forget activity. It is about enhancing your global perspective and becoming an educated world citizen. For example, when you hear about the ongoing conflict in Syria, can you mentally picture in your mind where Syria is located? Why is the location of Syria important? As you memorize the following major countries and features, start listening for the names in the news? Make connections.

On August 26, 2016 you will be given a blank world map and asked to locate the following:

Panama	Palestine	Thailand
Colombia	Saudi Arabia	Algeria
Haiti	Afghanistan	Libya
France	Pakistan	Egypt
Spain	India	Sudan
Italy	China	South Sudan
Germany	Bangladesh	Mali
Canada	Russia	Kenya
United States	Vietnam	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Mexico	North Korea	Central African Republic
Cuba	South Korea	Uganda
Venezuela	Burma	Rwanda
Peru	Greenland	South Africa
Chile	Iceland	Atlantic Ocean
Argentina	Serbia	Pacific Ocean
Brazil	Poland	Indian Ocean
United Kingdom	Jordan	Mediterranean Sea
Greece	Morocco	Persian Gulf
Turkey	Philippines	Suez Canal
Syria	Indonesia	
Iraq	Japan	
Iran	Australia	
Israel		

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