

# AP Human Geography Summer Assignment—Millbrook High 2016

## Autobiographic Mapping Exercise (graded)

### Due ONE WEEK AFTER SCHOOL STARTS

You are to create a hand-drawn map that is a recreation of a mental map, on you picture in your mind & the most basic map we all have as part of our schema of the world. This map is a place where you lived as a young child or as a teen. Follow the directions below. I will explain my autobiographic map to you & explain why it is important. Your explanation will be in the form of a 250- to 500-word essay.

**50% of your grade** will be given to the actual map. You should hand-draw a youth turf map that covers a specific period and place in your life. Be sure to include the following:

- Map legend (key)
- Places that inspire fear, happiness, comfort, anger
- Roads
- Buildings
- Topography
- A title
- Your NAME

**The other 50%** will be created from your written description. This description should explain where this map is located, why it is important to you, what it includes, & why the areas that inspire assorted emotions do so. This description should be **at least 250 words and no more than 500 words**.

Please attach these papers together and put your name on both sheets.

*This assignment is the brain child of Virginia Tech professors Robert Morrill & Bill Cartenson.*

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## Other things to do this summer (not graded but still a good idea)...

1. Watch the **news** every day this summer for at least 15 minutes per day.
2. Get a subscription to either **National Geographic**\*\*\* or a weekly news magazine (like *Time* or *Newsweek*) and READ it.
3. **Online map test games** to familiarize yourself with the locations of the STATES (countries) of the world. You will be tested on ALL of this during the year. Might as well get started!
  - Megacities: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/top-25-megacities-of-the-world-game>
  - African countries: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/countries-of-africa-quiz>
  - European countries: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/countries-europe-quiz>
  - Different European quiz: <http://www.yourchildlearns.com/mappuzzle/europe-puzzle.html>
  - Caribbean countries: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/6d3bb30b23>
  - Asia: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/countries-of-asia-quiz>

- South America: <http://www.purposegames.com/game/countries-of-south-america-quiz>
  - Middle East: [http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just\\_fun/games/mapgame.html](http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just_fun/games/mapgame.html)
  - Countries: <http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-games/world-map-game.php>
  - U.S. states: <http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/unitedstates.html>
  - Countries of the world: <http://www.sporcle.com/games/world.php>
4. **Go geocaching!** [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) has all the info~
  5. **Play GeoGuessr!** [www.geoguessr.com](http://www.geoguessr.com) --how good are you at recognizing physical and cultural landscapes?
  6. Spend some time following the links below to practice your basic **map skills**. We won't spend time on these in class and I will expect that you KNOW how to do these things.
    - Latitude & Longitude review: [http://academic.brooklyn.cuny.edu/geology/leveson/core/linksa/latlong\\_menu.html](http://academic.brooklyn.cuny.edu/geology/leveson/core/linksa/latlong_menu.html)
    - More Lat/Long review: [http://www.geographyalltheway.com/ks3\\_geography/maps\\_atlases/longitude\\_latitude.htm](http://www.geographyalltheway.com/ks3_geography/maps_atlases/longitude_latitude.htm)
    - Map skills practice: [http://www.candohelperpage.com/mapping\\_skills\\_1.html](http://www.candohelperpage.com/mapping_skills_1.html)
    - Map & Globe Geography quiz: <http://cuip.uchicago.edu/www4teach/97/jlyman/default/quiz/geogtest1.html>
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*None of this will be graded, but those of you who spend time doing these activities this summer will be at an advantage when the course begins. Build familiarity and enjoy your summer!*