



Land O' Lakes High School

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Dear AP Student,

Welcome to Advanced Placement Human Geography. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about me, as well as the course. This will be my eighteenth year teaching, and my fourteenth as a Gator. I started teaching at C. Leon King High School in Tampa, where I first taught an AP course (American History). I have a BA in History Secondary Education from St. Leo University and an MA in Social Science Education from the University of South Florida.

For many of you, this is your first college course. (Yes, college course. This is not college prep.) Please understand that as a college course you will be held to higher standards regarding work ethic, content, and personal responsibility. I try very hard to ease you into this more difficult workload, while maintaining the expectations and rigor of collegiate academics.

Homework should average 30-45 minutes nightly, and is usually to keep up with assigned readings. Late work is not accepted in this course; be sure you are in the habit of using your time wisely. The class syllabus will provide more specific details.

The College Board will issue the same test to all students enrolled in this course, nationwide, on Tuesday May 14, 2019 beginning at noon (you will NOT be finished in time to take the bus home). We will finish our content in April and begin class review. A full-length practice test will be offered (not required) during the spring teacher-planning day, for those who would like to take a "trial-run" at the test.

As a first-time (some of you) Advanced Placement student, there is often a feeling of "overwhelming" as you start and have more work than you might be used to. To help with this, you will be enrolled in a MyLearning course: AP HuG Summer Assignment. Please visit the course as soon as possible to make sure you are able to access it. (Should be enrolled by June 1 the latest. If you don't see it by then, email me). If you have having difficulty accessing MyLearning, email me so that I can give you something to get started on and work with our tech gurus to get you up and running.

If you have any questions about the course, or the summer assignment, feel free to contact me via email at kcoss@pasco.k12.fl.us so that I can assist you. I may not check my email every day over the summer, but I should get back to you within a few days. Some of my summer travel plans have me leaving the country, so if it takes a while to get a response at the end of July, that's why.

Sincerely,

Karen Coss