

AP Human Geography
Unit 1: Geography (Its Nature and Perspectives)
Vocabulary and Concepts
Chapter 1 in textbook (pages 1-33) and Appendix A (A1-9)

1. human geography (8):
2. globalization (8):
3. spatial perspective (11):
4. location (11):
 - a. location theory (11):
 - b. absolute location (14):
 - c. relative location (15):
 - d. site:
 - e. situation:
5. human-environment interactions (11):
6. place (11):
 - a. sense of place (11):
 - b. perception of place (11):
7. movement (11):
 - a. complementary:
 - b. intervening opportunity:
8. landscape (11):
 - a. cultural landscape (12):
 - b. sequent occupance (12):
9. maps:
 - a. distortion:
 - i. equal-area projection maps:
 - ii. conformal maps:
 - b. scale (G/A-1):
 - c. cylindrical projection maps:
 - d. planar projection maps:
 - e. conic projection maps:
 - f. oval projection maps:
 - g. reference maps (14):
 - h. thematic maps (14):
 - i. cartograms:
 - ii. choropleth maps:
 - iii. dot maps:
 - iv. flow-line maps:
 - v. isoline maps:
 - vi. statistical maps:
 - i. grid system:
 - j. parallels/latitude (A-2):
 - k. meridians/longitude (A-2):
 - l. equator:
 - m. North and South Poles:
 - n. prime meridian:
 - o. time zones:
 - p. International Date Line:
 - q. mental maps (15):
10. global positioning systems (14):
11. remote sensing (17):

12. geographic information systems (17):
13. regions (22):
 - a. formal/uniform region (23):
 - b. functional/nodal region (24):
 - c. perceptual/vernacular region (25):
14. culture (26):
 - a. cultural trait (27):
 - b. culture complex (27):
 - c. cultural hearth (27):
 - d. independent invention (28):
15. diffusion (28):
 - a. culture diffusion (28):
 - b. time-distance decay (28):
 - c. cultural barriers (28):
 - d. expansion diffusion (29):
 - e. contagious diffusion (29):
 - f. hierarchical diffusion (29):
 - g. stimulus diffusion (29):
 - h. relocation diffusion (30):
16. distribution:
 - a. density:
 - b. physiological density(G):
 - c. arithmetic density (G):
 - d. concentration:
 - e. clustered/agglomerated concentration(G):
 - f. dispersed/scattered concentration:
 - g. pattern:
 - h. linear patterns:
 - i. random:
17. environmental determinism (30):
 - a. isotherms (31):
18. possibilism (30):
 - a. cultural ecology (31):
 - b. political ecology (31):

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Unit 1 Geography – Reading Questions

AP Human Geography Reading Guide

- Use the “Table of Contents” at the beginning of the book to guide your notes.
- Always carefully examine the charts/graphs in each section.
- Be sure to know and be able to “**use**” the **vocabulary** that has been provided separately.
- Pay attention to key figures mentioned in each section.
- Note that this reading guide is just that – a **guide** for your **reading**! It is **not** meant to be all-inclusive, i.e., there may be material not covered by this guide that appears on quizzes and/or exams.

Directions: Make sure you write in complete sentences.

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1. What is the relationship between environmental determinism and climate?
2. What is the relationship between culture trait and culture complex?
3. Give an example of how globalization occurs at the world scale.
4. What is the relationship between reference maps and absolute locations related?
5. Describe how a cultural barrier can work against diffusion. Be specific.
6. Why is the spread of a disease considered contagious diffusion?
7. How can time-distance decay impact the diffusion process?
8. What is the relationship between culture trait and independent invention?
9. Why is a desert basin considered a formal region?
10. What is the relationship between remote sensing and geographic information systems?