

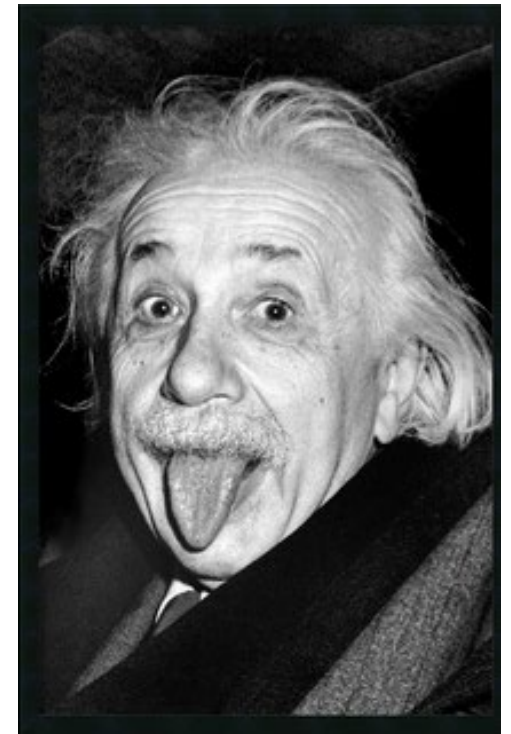
AP Human Geo Summer Assignment Notes

The notes for Unit 01 are as follows. If I were you I'd either take my own notes in a Unit 01 section of a notebook or I'd print out the Notes Handouts and follow along. You are responsible for this information!

Good luck!

Who said it???

“As a young man, my fondest dream was to become a geographer. However, while working at the custom’s office I thought deeply about the matter and concluded that it was far too difficult a subject. With some reluctance, I turned to physics as a substitute.”



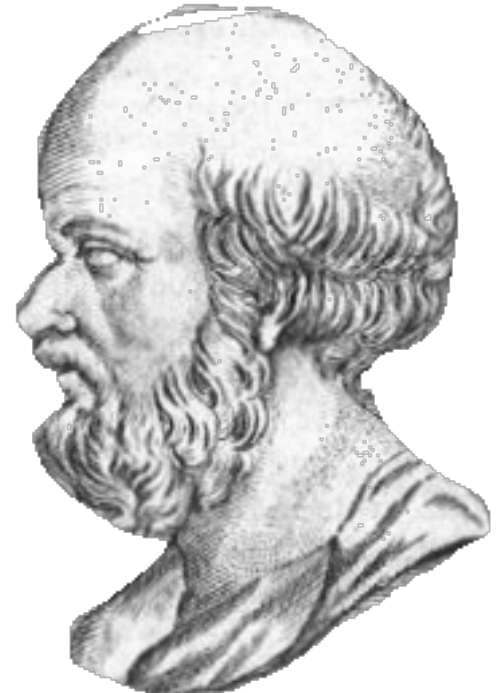
Albert Einstein

The Meaning of Geography

- It literally means “description of the earth.”
- **Eratosthenes**, a Greek scientist, coined the term geography from the words *geo* (“the earth”) and *graphein* (“to write”).



My skull
replicates it
exactly.



A Spatial Science

- Geography is concerned with the
 1. How and why do things differ from place to place on Earth's surface?
 2. How do observable spatial patterns evolve over time?



The Meaning of Spatial...

- **Everything** occupies a space.
- Within that space, there are **unique characteristics**.
- Every space **differs** from all other spaces.
- Geography examines the **relationships** among all of these spaces.



Thinking About Geography

- Your understanding of your hometown your neighborhood is a **geographic understanding**.
- It is based on your awareness of **WHERE** things are, of their **SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.
- Take a minute and try to sketch the area surrounding your house. Include greenspace, roads, other houses, restaurants. What did you find?



Our Study of Human Geography

*We are the world, we are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day
So let's start giving
There's a choice we're making*



#multiculturalismFTW

- **The mission?**
Understand and explain diversity
- **The emphasis?**
 - **Where are they?**
 - **What are they like?**
 - **How do they interact?**
 - **How do they develop the landscape?**

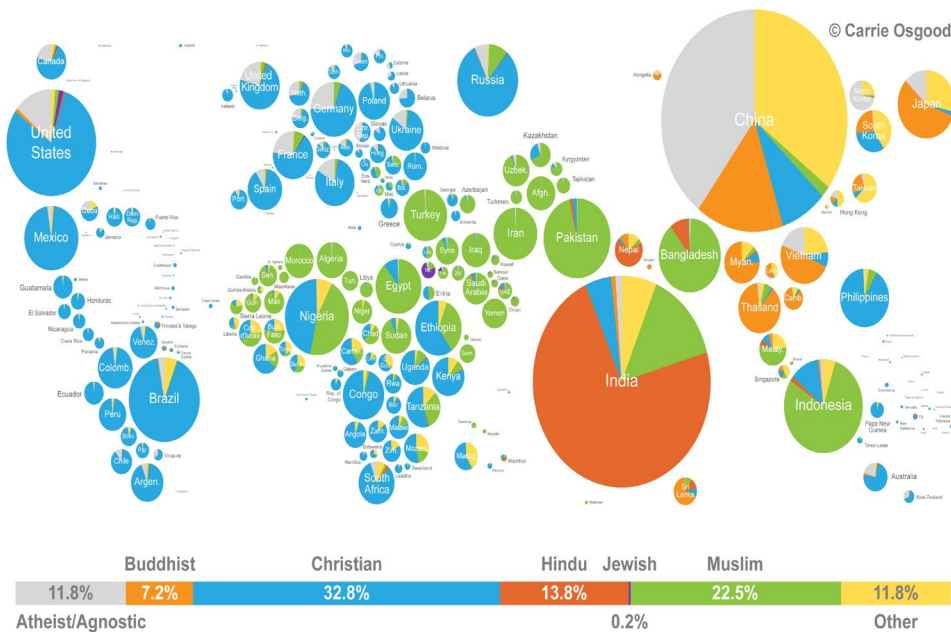
What's the Difference?

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY:

- culture
- agriculture
- industrialization
- demographics

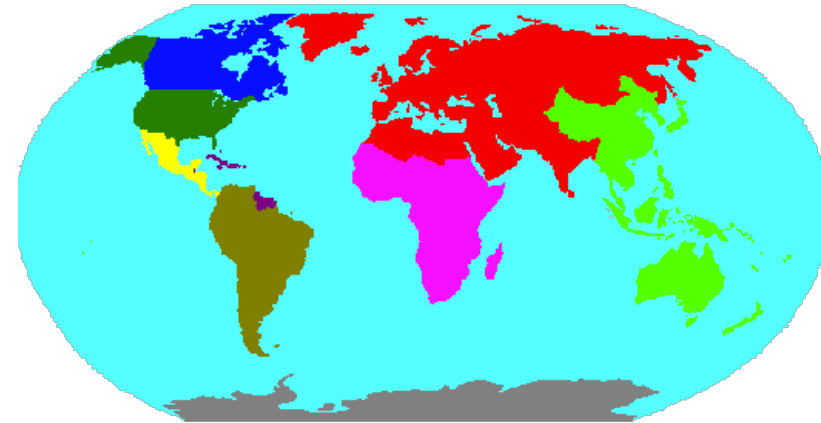
PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY:

- Landforms
- Climate
- Vegetation
- Soils



Traditionally...

- ... both Human Geography and Physical Geography have been taught from a **regional perspective**.
- This means that the **characteristics of individual regions** have been listed and compared to other regions.
- Examples of characteristics: languages; religion; imports/exports; population structure, etc.



	Canada		South America
	USA (8 regions)		Eurasia
	Mexico and Central America		Africa
	Caribbean		Asia-Pacific

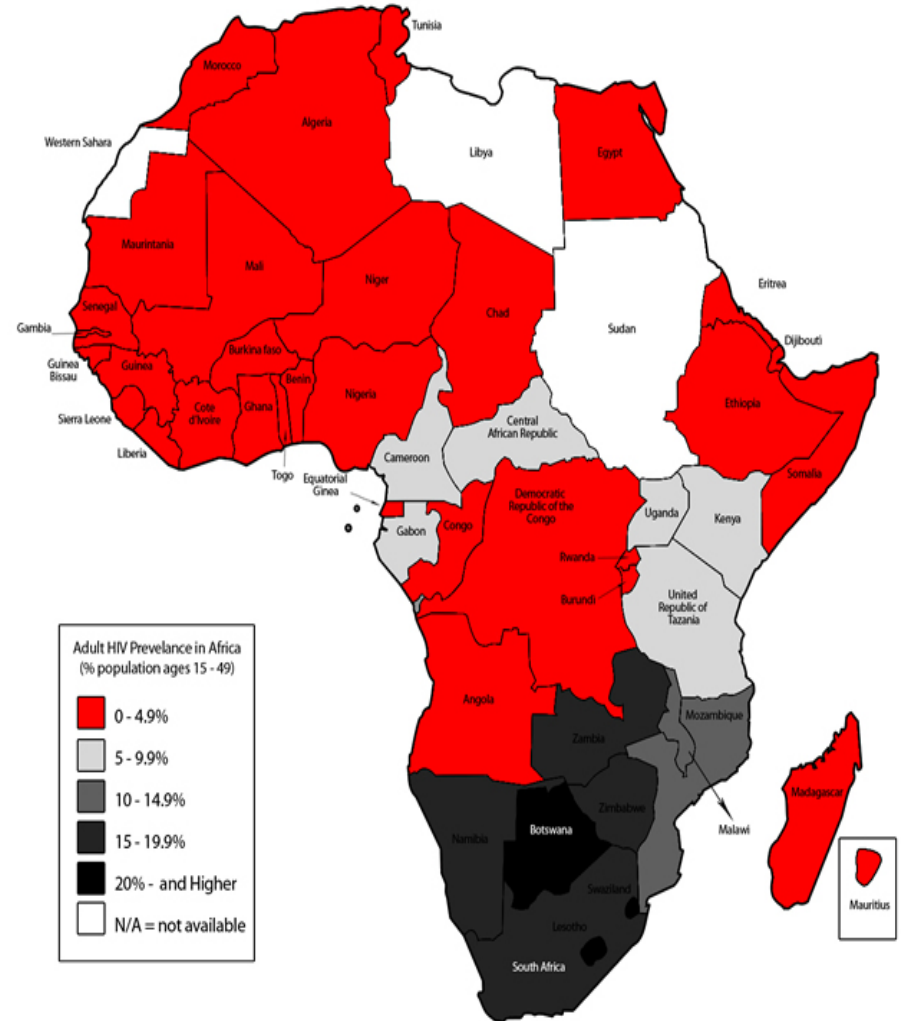
However...

Our study of Human Geography will be **thematic**.

This means that we will examine various topics and apply what we have learned to various case studies.

Examples:

- When we study demographics, we will examine the impact of the **AIDS** epidemic on Africa.



Why is this issue so important?

Geographic literacy is more than knowing state capitals. It's understanding how people and places interact, where things come from, and where we're going.



[Geo-Literacy Video](#)

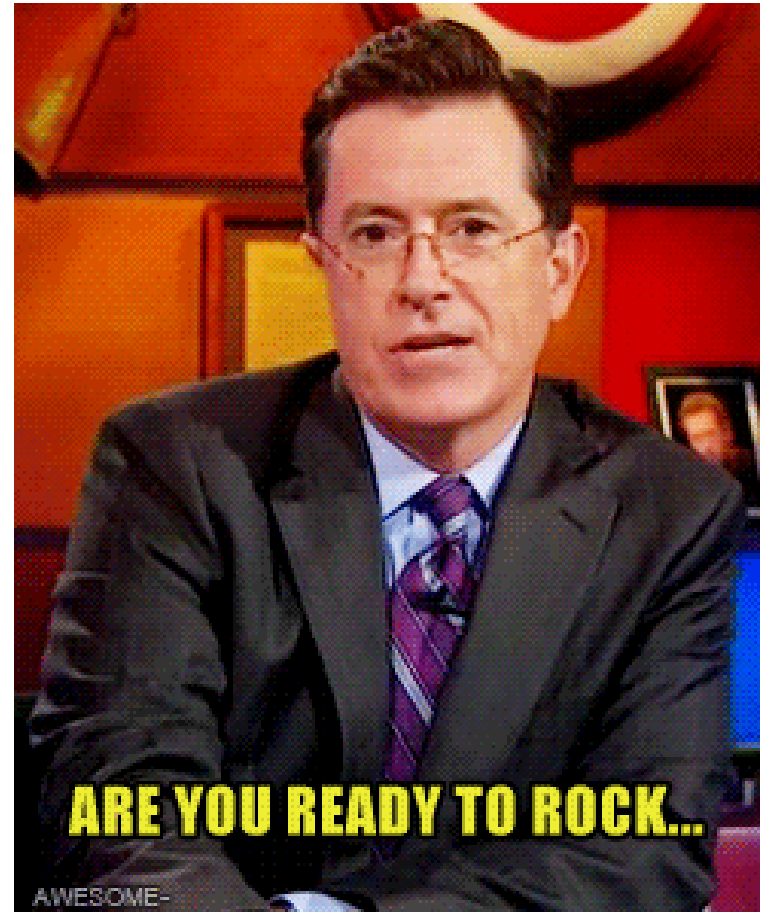
Results of Roper Poll for National Geographic

- 510 people interviewed (ages 18-24)
- 48% could not locate Mississippi
- 1/3 of could not find Louisiana
- 60% could not find Iraq on a map of the Middle East
- 47% could not find the Indian subcontinent in Asia
- 3 out of 10 put the U.S. population between 1 and 2 billion.
- 74% said English is the most commonly spoken language in the world.



Outcomes and Assessments

- Field Studies
- Homework, classwork, and quizzes
- Pre-tests and post-tests
- Formal assessments (e.g. essays and tests)
- Informal assessments (e.g. class discussion and observation)
- Use of test banks
- Final/semester exams



Now...let's see how much you remember from this lesson!



What is the first question asked by geographers?

- A. When?
- B. Where?
- C. Why there?
- D. Why then?
- E. Who cares?

What is the first question asked by geographers?

B. Where?

**Who is credited with giving us the term
“geography” ?**

A. Aristotle

B. Ptolemy

C. Eratosthenes

D. Aristophanes

E. Hippocrates

**Who is credited with giving us the term
“geography” ?**

C. Eratosthenes

Which of the following topics is part of our study of Human Geography?

A. Earth's internal forces

B. agriculture

C. folk culture

D. Both A and B

E. Both B and C

Which of the following topics is part of our study of Human Geography?

E. Both B and C

Haiku for Understanding & Culture

Answer the question in the box below in the form of a haiku. A haiku is a three line poem that does not generally rhyme. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5.

What is meant by the word “spatial” ?

Haiku example:

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Challenging, Awesome, and Fun
geography rocks!