AP Summer Homework:
1. **Complete the reading homework assignment.**
2. **Memorize the content on the regions map.**

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AP Summer Reading Assignment:
Choose a book from the list. They vary in reading level and maturity. Make sure you research the books and find the one that interests you the most. There are many to choose from. Goodreads is a great resource to give a book description as well as page numbers and personal reviews.

(Please note: I have not read all of these books. They are recommended by many AP geography teachers. Some may be adult in nature since AP Human Geography is a college level class. Choose your book wisely.)

We have a few of these books available through our district digital library. See Mrs. Hamilton if you have questions about how to access them. You can also find most of these books in our public library. You can also find them online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Three Cups of Tea: Greg Mortenson  (You can read the adult or young readers edition)

I am Malala: Malala Yousafzi  (You can read the adult or young readers edition)

Travel as a Political Act: Rick Steves

American Terrior: Savoring the Flavors of our Woods, Waters and Fields by Rowan Jacobsen

Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal  Eric Schlosser
*You can read the book “Chew on This” which is a simplified version of the book for young readers.

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza, Steve Erwin

Child Of The Dark: The Diary Of Carolina Maria De Jesus  Carolina Maria de Jesus (life for the poor in Brazil’s favelas)

The Fifth Chinese Daughter  Jade Snow Wong (Chinese migrate to America)

Chain of Fire Beverley Naidoo (resisting apartheid in South Africa)

Zarafa A Giraffe’s True Story from Deep in Africa to the Heart of Paris Michael Allin (a gift for King Charles in 1826)

Diamond A Journey to the Heart of an Obsession Matthew Hart (diamonds and history)

The Shaman’s Coat A Native History of Siberia  Anna Reid (Siberian history and travelogue)

The World of Gerard Mercator The Mapmaker Who Revolutionized Geography by Andrew Taylor
A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush by Eric Newby (Englishman in the mountains)

How to Lie with Maps by Mark Monmonier (how people manipulate maps to sell their version of the truth)

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy (Newbery Honor Book)

Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America by Stephen Bloom (Orthodox Jews move to rural Postville and open a Kosher slaughterhouse)

Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft by Thor Heyerdahl (classic: modern voyage traces South Americans to Polynesia)

The Places in Between by Rory Stewart (Afghanistan after the Taliban)

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia by Esther Hautzig (Soviets send family to Siberia)

So Far from the Bamboo Grove by Yoko Kawashawa Watkins (Japanese girl flees North Korea after WWII)

Stuffed and Starved: The Hidden Battle for the World Food System by Raj Patel (a few powerful distributors control the health of the entire world – why some are fat and some are starving)

A Revolution In Eating: How the Quest for Food Shaped America by James E. McWilliams (American food and agriculture for the last 300 years, from a Texas State history professor)

Escape From Slavery by Francis Bok (10 years of modern-day slavery in Africa, then freedom in the US)

Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory ~ Peter Hessler (changes in China)

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba (boy in Malawi builds a wind generator from junk)

The following books & novels were not on your original list. You can choose one of these as well:

Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies – Jared Diamond
Explores connections between world history and geography – how agriculture, writing, religion and power spread across continents and cultures, changing people across lines of latitude.

Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed – Jared Diamond
Using examples from Easter Island, the Mayans, and other lost civilizations, Diamond looks at the influences of geography, climate, and culture that cause societies to collapse, and how we can avoid those same problems in the 21st Century.

The Song of the Dodo: Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinctions – David Quammen
Quammen uses islands as cases of biodiversity, showing that although species like the Dodo may have gone extinct because of their limited population and resources, the same events can happen on a larger scale in other places, endangering not just rare species, but ones that we see every day.
The Gifts of the Jews: How a Tribe of Desert Nomads Changed the Way Everyone Thinks and Feels – Thomas Cahill
Cahill looks at the cultural shift that came with the ideas of the Jews, including concepts of individuality, progress and destiny, and how the religious ideas of a relatively small group of people profoundly changed western history and civilization.

The Routes of Man: How Roads are Changing the World and the Way We Live Today – Ted Conover
Conover’s book looks at six major roads in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and South America, and how they’ve changed the lives of people in those areas. It looks at the price of being connected, and how roads can either advance civilization or set it back.

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea – Barbara Demick
Demick follows the lives of six North Korean citizens as they fall in love, raise families, nurture ambitions, and come to the life-altering realization that their country hasn’t provided lives of abundance, but has betrayed them.

Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals – Michael Pollan
This book answers the seemingly simple question of where our food comes from. The answer lies everywhere from industrialized food to organic gardening to people who still hunt and gather parts of their meals. Pollan explores the history of how food came to be so complicated, and the possible side effects on our environment and our own health.

YOUNG ADULT NOVELS

The Tyrant’s Daughter – J.C. Carleson
A middle eastern dictator is killed in a coup, and his family flees to the United States to safety. 15 year old Laila has to cope with a new country, culture, and life.

I Love, I Hate, I Miss My Sister – Amelie Sarn
Based on real life events in France, it follows the story of two Muslim sisters, one more religious, one more worldly. A good look at how other countries handle issues of diversity differently from the United States.

The Fire Horse Girl – Kay Honeyman
Jade Moon is considered bad luck in her family, and is sent to the United States from China to be married off to a stranger. This book set in the 1920s explores themes of immigration, language, culture and gender, as it tells the story of a young woman determined to survive in a new world.

NON-FICTION GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Complete Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi
A graphic novel-format autobiography of a girl growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, it demonstrates the politics, religion, personal life and public life of women and children during a turbulent period in history, and how we can persevere through the hardest of times.

Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea – Guy Delisle
A autobiographical graphic novel, it tells the story of Delisle’s trip to and stay in North Korea in the early 2000s. He was able to observe the lives, the culture, and politics of North Korea close-up on a visa with a French animation company, and put his experience into this book.

**Have the following ready to turn in to me on August 31st.**

Title page, with your name, period, date, book title, and author, with date of first publication. [10 points]

- A vocabulary list with at least 10 new words (and their definitions) you learned while reading the book. [20 points]
- Annotated timeline of the book showing important events, with at least 5 pictures, etc. (15 events minimum) [20 points]. The pictures may be hand-drawn.
- A brief summary and description of the book. Be brief. You can find a summary anywhere on the internet. Therefore the most important part of the book review is to answer the following questions;
  - What did you learn?
  - What did you like the most about the book?
  - What did you find the least interesting?
  - Was there anything that bothered you? If so What was it?
  - List AT LEAST 10 ‘I wonder questions’ you came away from the book with. ‘I Wonder questions’ are things that you question or wonder about during your reading, but were never answered. Some of you may research the answers to your questions. That is acceptable and encouraged. I still need to know what those questions were.