

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

The purpose of the AP Human Geography course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

Completion of the summer assignment will be an indication that you are serious about the course and are well-suited for the class. We will be covering a large amount of content before the AP examination in May. The summer assignment will help you build upon your knowledge base in preparation for the class and will allow you to demonstrate your willingness to complete advanced level work. You may contact me over the summer by email with any questions or concerns regarding the course or assignment at ashley.byrd@polk-fl.net.

Supplies Needed:

sturdy 3-ring binder	colored pencils
14 binder dividers	internet access
loose leaf paper	paper clips for index cards (large)
3 x 5 index cards (500)	shoe box or storage box for index cards
pens and pencils	composition notebook for class notes

Assignment 1: Notebook

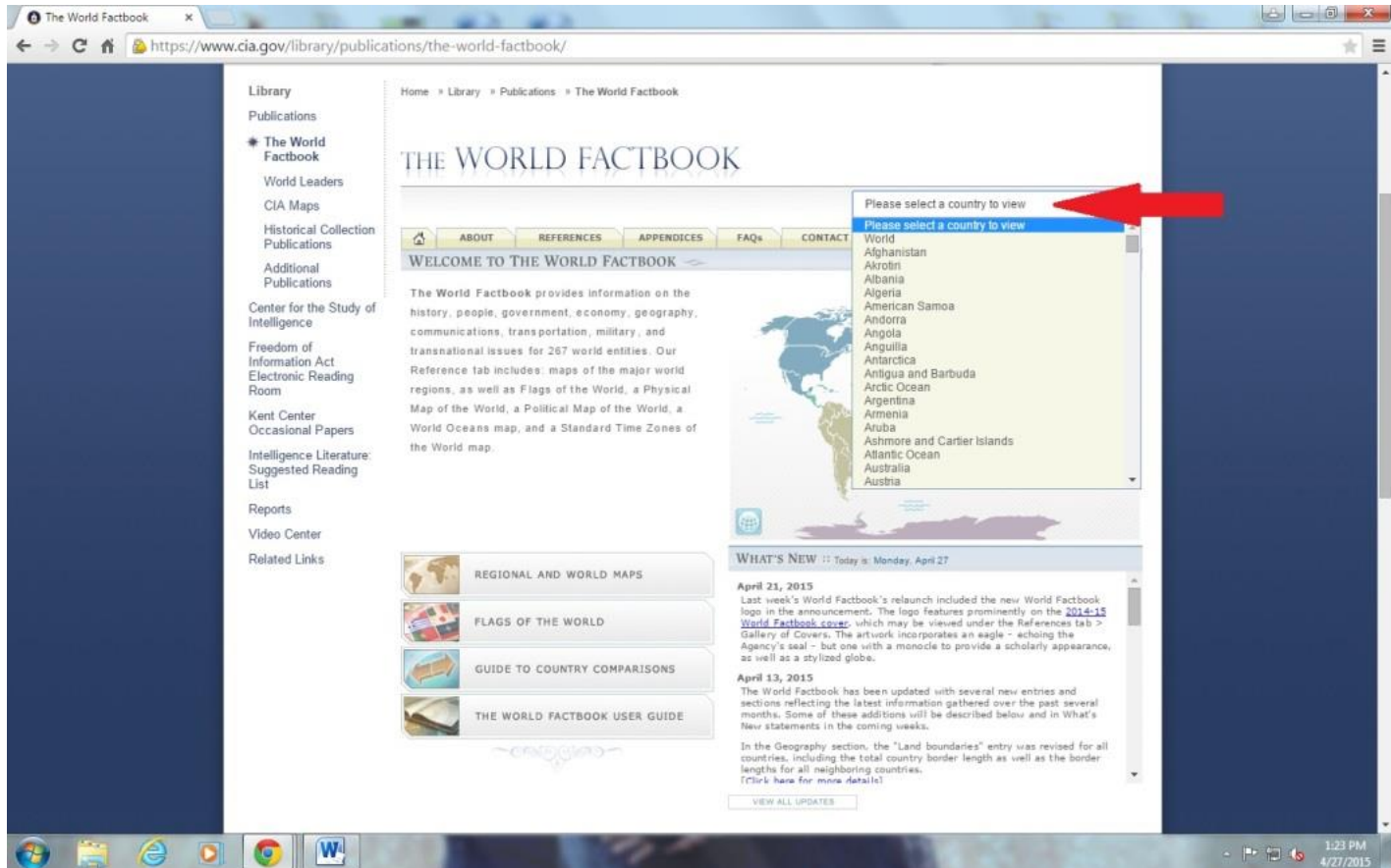
In AP Human Geography, we will examine many global and local issues, theories/models, and facts concerning the topics below. Neatly label and organize your binder with the course topics below. Bring the binder with you on the first day of class **Monday, August 13, 2018.**

1. Basic Concepts & Resource Issues	8. Political Geography
2. Population	9. Development
3. Migration	10. Agriculture
4. Folk & Popular Culture	11. Industry
5. Language	12. Services
6. Religion	13. Urban Patterns
7. Ethnicity	14. Country Portfolio

Assignment 2: Country Portfolio

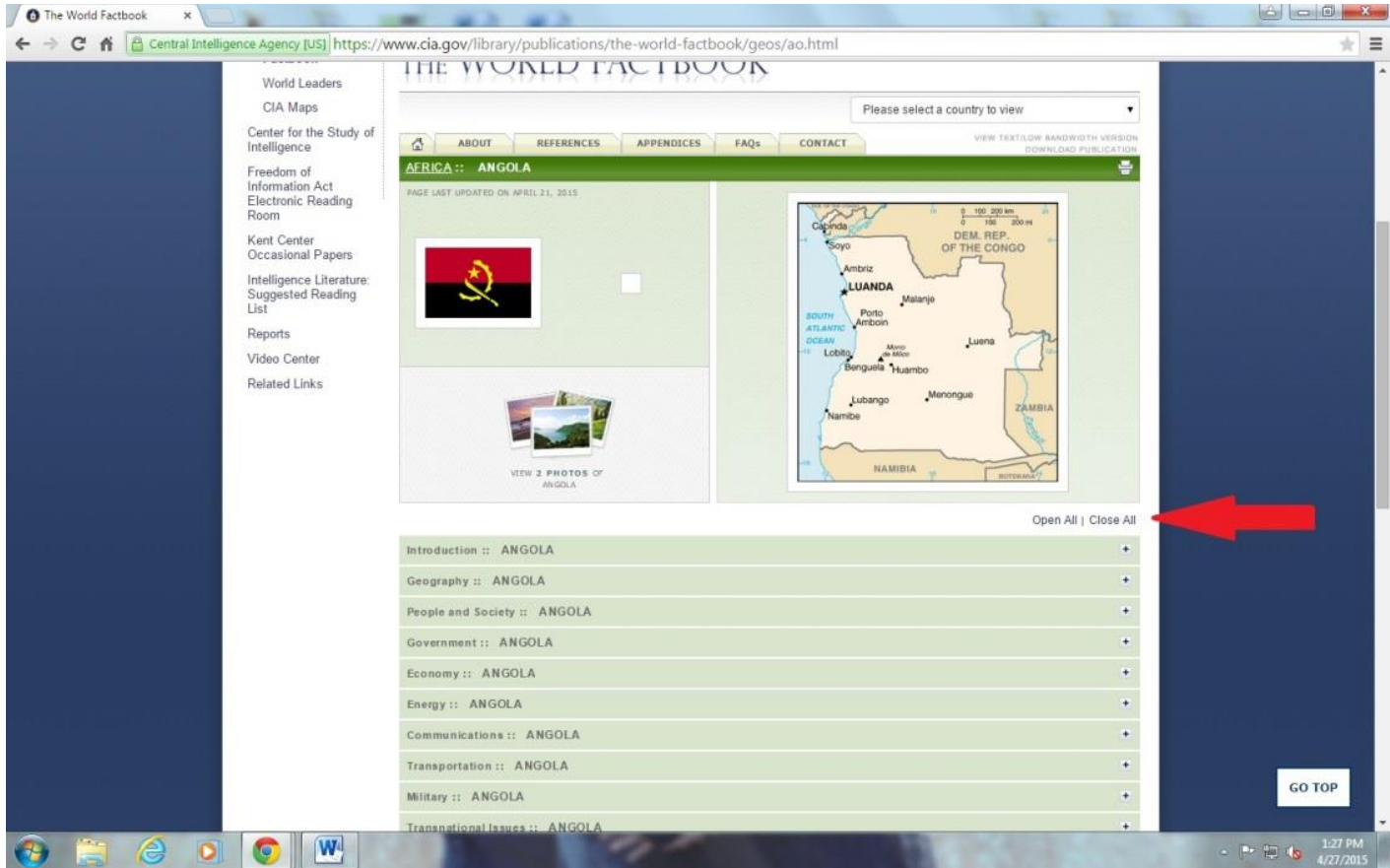
1. Label the last tab in your binder with the title: “[Country Name] Portfolio”
2. Select a nation of the world and print out information (with all fields expanded) on your chosen country from the CIA World Factbook’s Country Profile (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>)
With all fields expanded, this will probably be at least 10 pages. Place this country profile in your notebook.

Step One: select a country



The screenshot shows the CIA World Factbook website. The browser address bar displays <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like Library, Publications, World Leaders, and CIA Maps. The main content area is titled "THE WORLD FACTBOOK" and includes a "WELCOME TO THE WORLD FACTBOOK" section with a brief description of the site's purpose. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of countries for selection, with a red arrow pointing to the "Please select a country to view" prompt. The dropdown list includes: World, Afghanistan, Akrotiri, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antarctica, Antigua and Barbuda, Arctic Ocean, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Ashmore and Cartier Islands, Atlantic Ocean, Australia, and Austria. Below the dropdown, there are several "WHAT'S NEW" updates dated April 21, 2015, and April 13, 2015. At the bottom of the page, there is a "VIEW ALL UPDATES" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 1:23 PM on 4/27/2015.

Step Two: fields are closed, so you will need to click “open all” before printing



3. Over the summer, you will need to locate, read, and summarize 5 news articles pertaining to your chosen country that demonstrate the importance of geography to your country’s development and current status. Topics could include (but are not limited to) agriculture, natural resources, economic development, relations and disputes with neighboring countries, cultural heritage, migration and refugees, natural disasters, population issues, or civil conflict between ethnic groups.

4. For each article, write a paragraph (50-100 words) summarizing the content and explaining how it illustrates the importance of geography. The following are suggested sources for international news:

www.christiansciencemonitor.com (click on the “world” tab)

www.nytimes.com/pages/world.

www.iht.com

www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/search/list/index.html

5. Place a copy of each article (1 from the month of June and 2 each from July and August for 5 total) with the proper citation information (publication, date, pages, etc....) along with your summary in your Country Portfolio tab in chronological order.

***Newspaper article citation (print version):**

Berger, M. (2016, May 17). For refugees in Greece, lots of rumors but little reliable news. *The Christian Science Monitor*, p. A1, A4.

Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with p. or pp.

- If an article appears on discontinuous pages, give all page numbers, and separate the numbers with a comma (e.g., pp. B1, B3, B5-B7)

Example (electronic version):

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