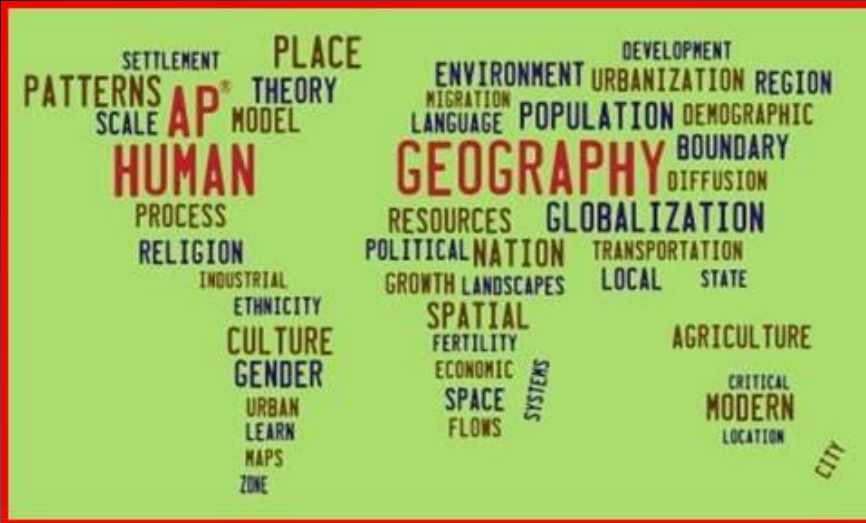# AP Human Geography

The course in a nutshell.......

- **Human geography is the branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth's surface.**

- **"The WHY of where" – Where people live, why they live there, what they do there, and what they are like.**

TOPIC Breakdown for the Course:

- **Geography: Its Nature & Perspectives (8%)**
- **Population & Migration (13%)**
- **Culture (17%)**
  - **Language, Religion, Ethnicity & Gender**
- **Political Organization of Space (14%)**
- **Agricultural & Rural Land Use (14%)**
- **Industrialization & Economic Development (14%)**
- **Cities & Urban Land Use (14%)**
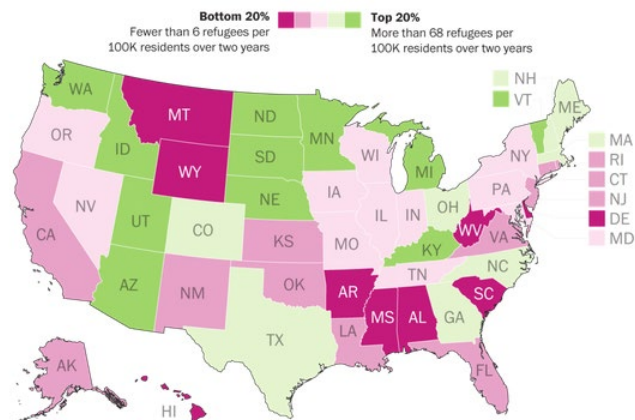- **Review for the AP Exam (6%)**

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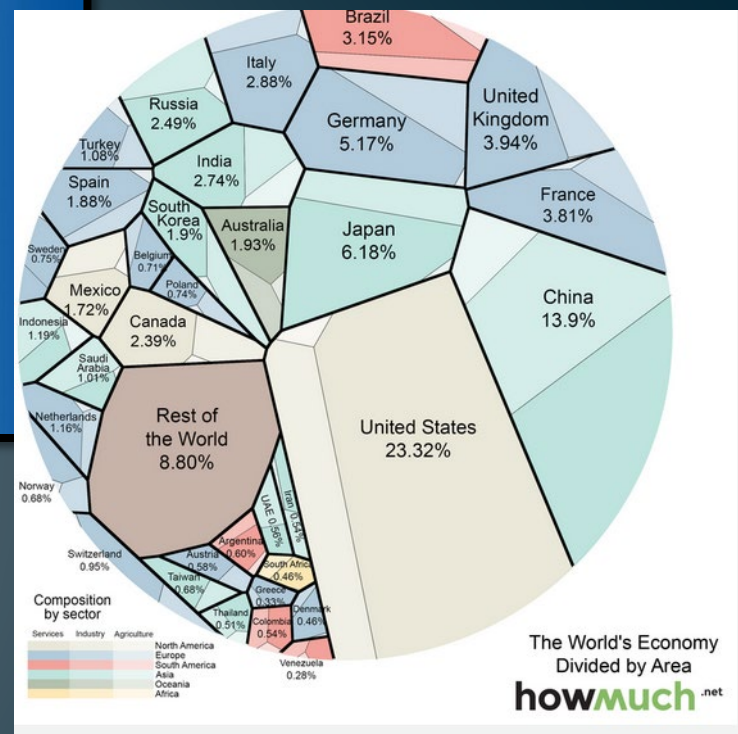

- [National Geographic Clip](#)

The most and least welcoming states for refugees

Relative to their own populations, North and South Dakota have settled the most refugees in recent years, while Southern states have settled some of the fewest. (Data from fiscal years 2013 and 2014)

Bottom 20% Fewer than 6 refugees per 100K residents over two years
Top 20% More than 68 refugees per 100K residents over two years

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SOURCE: U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement

Composition by sector
Services Industry Agriculture

North America
Europe
South America
Asia
Oceania
Africa

The World's Economy Divided by Area
howmuch.net

Textbook

- We use the textbook *Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape*

- The book requires higher level reading skills, but is not overwhelming.

- Students will finish about 15 pages of reading over the course of two blocks (4 school days) followed by a reading quiz.

Homework Load

- As an AP course, the course does require homework.

- This course is considered a good course for many students, including those who have never taken an AP course before.

- Homework consists of readings from the textbook, vocabulary work, map work and the year long Ambassador Project.

The Ambassador Project

The AP Exam in May

- **One 60-minute, 75-question multiple-choice section**

- **One 75-minute 3-question free-response section.**

- **The multiple-choice section accounts for ½ of the exam grade & the free-response section for the other ½.**

- **The writing portion is more free form than other social studies AP courses. It allows the developing writer to express ideas, but does not require a specific format.**