

## Pre-AP World Geography Textbook Outlining & Homework Guide

- Reading: Arreola, Deal, etc. *McDougal Littlell World Geography, Student Edition (2003)*

Outlining and notes are very good ways of breaking down the textbook and turning it into a more manageable study tool. I want you to use this method of summarizing what you've read.

- A. Skim the chapter – look at the headings, maps, key terms, photographs and familiarize yourself with what you will be reading about in that chapter. (est. time: 10 min)
- B. Now, go back to the beginning & read the entire chapter. Note the most important words/phrases which represent the main points in each section. (est. time: 1-1.5 hours)
- C. As you read, outline the chapter using the following format: Your master heading should be the name of the chapter.

Example :

### **CHAPTER 1: "PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY – LOOKING AT THE EARTH"**

***-SKIP A LINE & Begin your outline***

- I. The Five Themes
  - A. The Geographer's Perspective (Include any info from the introductory paragraph in this section)
    1. Key Point (List as many as necessary to cover the section. Some sections have only one or two Key Points while other sections have several Key Points. ***Stick to the Big Ideas!!!***)
    2. **Geography** (HIGHLIGHT ALL KEY TERMS)
      - List Key Points, **PLUS ALL** key terms (highlighted)
  - B. Theme: Location
  - C. Theme: Place
  - D. Theme: Region
  - E. Theme: Human-Environment
  - F. Theme: Movement

***SKIP A LINE & Continue outlining the chapter with the same format:***

- II. The Geographer's Tools
  - A. Maps and Globes
  - B. The Science of Mapmaking

***Skip a line...***

- III. Geography Skills Handbook
  - A. **This section is not necessarily in all chapters, but if it is....List the key points**

***Skip a line...***

**SUMMARY:** After reading/outlining the chapter, summarize what you have read in one paragraph. Mention key themes, points and terms.

- Study the chapter summaries you compose to prepare for class discussion and chapter tests.
- Be prepared at any time for an “outline check” or “pop quiz” over your reading.

**FORMAT:**

- You may write on the front & back of your paper.
- You do not need to use complete sentences.
- Begin EACH chapter on a NEW piece of paper.
- When you finish each chapter outline, place it in the NOTES section of your binder. **DO NOT** turn it in to the tray unless told to do so.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. You are required to **keep this handout in the General Section of your Binder.**
2. The chapter summary notes are due on the first day we start to discuss that chapter. (so usually the day after your previous chapter test). It is important that you do not wait till the night before to complete the chapter homework, but break it up between 3-4 nights per week. Time management is key for this course.
3. My goal is not to keep you up all night to get homework done, therefore be aware of due dates and plan your time accordingly.
4. Reading/outlining your text is a large component of next year’s AP World History course. By getting into the routine of independently reading/outlining, you will be prepared for college-level work next year.
5. If you’re feeling overwhelmed, come see me. I am here to help you transition from high school to college-level content.