

## AP Human Geography Summer Assignment

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“The cultural landscape, the earth’s surface as modified by human action, is the tangible physical record of a given culture. House types, transportation networks, parks and cemeteries, and the size and distribution of settlements are among the indicators of the use that humans have made of the land.”

**Directions:** Geography is all around us. To become a geographer you need only to make observations of the spatial areas around you. Once you have done this, you have become a geographer. The landscape reveals many clues to the culture and history of a place. How cultures have changed over time and the spatial impacts on the land can be observed through the lens of a geographer. For this assignment, you will actively seek out examples of the cultural landscape in your travels and experiences this summer.

1. Choose a place.
2. Take a selfie (or have someone snap a picture) at the place. Make sure the place is clearly identifiable in the picture.
3. Conduct a Four Level Analysis of the place. This is a systematic way to study geographic phenomena. Follow the steps in the chart below:

Level	Description	Key Questions
1. Comprehension (4 points)	Establish the basic information clearly	What? Where? When? Scale? (Local, Regional, National, World)
2. Identification (2 points – identification and description)	Identify and describe patterns in phenomena	Are phenomena (things) connected? How?
3. Explanation (4 points – identification and description)	Explain how individual phenomena might form a pattern	Why is something where it is? How did something get where it is? Why does this pattern exist?
4. Prediction (2 points – answers a key question with insightful response.)	Explain why a pattern is important, and predict what it might lead to	So what? What if....? What are the effects?

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4. Type your Four Level Analysis and attach your picture.
5. Hand in your assignment on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.
6. We’ve also provided a list of **OPTIONAL** books and movies that relate to the class. Feel free to read or view any of them as you prepare for the class.

\*\*\*Sample Response\*\*\*

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Summer Assignment – Four Level Analysis

1. Hindu Temple located on Ridge Pike in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Visited at 2:33 pm on 7/21/2019. Local scale.

2. The temple appears to be an isolated phenomena in its space. There are other buildings, but they are commercial retail, including a pizza place, carpet store, cell phone store and an ice manufacturing company. There aren't any other religious buildings around. The place is empty at this time of day, but it is located at a busy intersection with lots of car traffic. The building is very plain with very few modifications specific to its function.

3. The temple probably got here because there are is a significant population of Hindu worshipers in the area. Since Hinduism is an ethnic religion, the worshipers relocated to this area and brought their culture with them. Additionally, since Hinduism is an ethnic religion and most common in India, I would expect to see Indians in this place. This place also appears to be an old industrial place. It may have been a business that closed, had inexpensive rent and a large expansive space.

4. If I came to this place on a Saturday or Sunday, I would expect it to be more active as members may be conducting activities. There must be quite a few Hindu worshipers here, I wonder if there are any other temples in the area? As the Hindu population grows, I expect to see other impacts on the cultural landscape such as additional structures, ethnic restaurants and more ethnically Indian students in area schools. If the population grows enough, it may even impact the school calendar to days off around significant religious events.

\*\*\*Attach Picture Here\*\*\*