***AP Human Geography Textbook Reading Guide***

**In this class, when you receive reading assignments it isn’t enough to just read the text. You must be an active reader. This reading guide should be followed for each reading assignment. Your reading notes will be checked regularly for a homework grade.**

**Expectations**

**For each reading assignment from the textbook it is required to do 2 concept reviews, 1 OPTIC graphic analysis, and 1 of your choice. See below for specific instructions.**

**Concept Review**

1. **Identify an idea, concept, event, or place from the reading that is of importance.**
2. **Explain in sentence form why this idea, concept, event, or place is important or significant. Responses should be a paragraph or less, but more than a definition. It should be YOUR OWN analysis.**

**OPTIC Graphic Analysis**

Geography is a VISUAL subject and our text is loaded with maps, graphs, and photos that are critical for understanding. OPTIC is an organized approach for students to read visual or graphic text closely. The word OPTIC provides a mnemonic device to remember the five key elements in analyzing a visual.

**O** is for Overview.

* Conduct a brief overview of the main subject of the visual. What is the visual about?

**P** is for Parts.

* List any details or parts of the visual.
* Note any elements or details that seem important.

**T** is for Title.

* Read the title or caption of the visual (if present) for added information.

**I** is for Interrelationships.

* Use the words in the title or caption and the individual parts of the visual to determine connections, patterns, or relationships within the graphic.

**C** is for Conclusion.

* Draw a conclusion about the meaning of the visual as a whole.
* Summarize the message in one or two sentences.
* Remember the phrase “the image reveals…” or “the graphic reveals…”

OPTIC can be used with any visual or graphic text, including maps, photographs, diagrams, charts, and fine art. For more information, see: Pauk, W. (2000). *How to study in college* (7th ed.). Houghton Mifflin Company: Boston