

2009 Summer Reading Assignment Pre-AP World Geography

It is expected that students will be prepared to be tested on summer reading during the first week of their Pre-AP World Geography class. If a schedule change occurs and the student enters the class they have 2 weeks from the first day enrolled in class to turn in the assignment and take the test. After reading the book, complete the assignment sheet. The assignment sheets are to be turned into your Pre-AP World Geography teacher on the **first day of school** and will count as 50% of your first major grade of the semester. When answering the questions please be insightful and thorough in your answer. Please be sure to answer all parts of the question. Ten points will be deducted per school day for work handed in late. The other 50% of your first major grade will be from the test you will take during the first week.

Required reading:

- A Walk Across America by Peter Jenkins

Acquiring the book:

- The book may be purchased from a bookstore.(Hastings has been contacted)
- The book may be purchased online (shipping may take several weeks, so please plan accordingly). Also, buying online usually allows you to buy the book used at bargain prices! Amazon has the book as low as \$0.95.
- The book may be borrowed from the public library

Tips:

1. **DON'T PROCRASTINATE!** Commit yourself to reading a pre-determined amount of chapters per day so that you're not overloaded with work the last few weeks of the summer. Complete the assignment sheet right after you finish reading the book.
2. If finishing the book early in the summer you might want to review it before the school year begins to be prepared for the test.
3. You need to read the book. Do NOT rely on someone else to read it for you and tell you about it. They will not be taking the test for you.
4. Do NOT copy down someone else's answers. If any part of the assignment is plagiarized to any extent, the entire assignment will be given a zero.

Important Note: Although A Walk Across America is a true story of Peter Jenkins journey it is still considered literature. It is expected that the student approach any and all topics with a mature attitude. Please be aware that any opinions, ideas, or viewpoints expressed in the book are not those of HISD.

***An electronic copy of the Summer Reading Assignment will be accessible on my teacher website. First go to <http://www.huntsville-isd.org/> then click on Campus. Select Huntsville HS. Go to Faculty, then Social Studies. Finally Select Poole, J. Here I will have a link to the questions.

I look forward to next year!

Mrs. Poole

Questions for A Walk Across America by Peter Jenkins

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper in blue ink, black ink, or typed. Answer questions in complete sentences.

1. Why does Peter decide to walk across America?
2. If you were to add one thing to the supplies Peter carried in his pack, what would you add? Why?
3. What person/character did you identify with the most? Why?
4. Would you ever want to take a trip across America? Why or why not?
5. Do you think this was the best way to see and learn about America? Why? And if why not, what are some other ways?
6. What do you think was the most exciting thing that happened to Peter during his walk? What held your interest the most?
7. What do you think was the worst?
8. What do you think was the scariest?
9. During the journey Peter never knows what or whom he is going to encounter on a daily basis. How would you feel walking into the unknown everyday and always being in unfamiliar surroundings around strangers? How would you handle it?
10. Who or what in the book bothered you the most? Why?
11. When Peter is in Graham County he encounters prejudice? How would you feel if you were run out of town as he was? What did he do? Would you have handled the situation any differently?
12. After reading the book what do you think about the America Peter has seen? Please use specific examples from the book to support your answer.
13. If Peter were to walk into your town and interact within your culture, what do you think he would see that would be different from what he has already seen? Pretend you are Peter and write a brief excerpt that you believe would fit into the book to express your answer.
14. Which one of Peter's stops do you feel was the closest to the culture you live in? Why?
15. By the end of the book what has Peter found out about America? What things does he find that is the most important to him?
16. Pretend that you are a journalist and you are assigned to write a book review for a magazine or newspaper over A Walk Across America. Be sure to include your opinion of the book. Was it interesting or boring and why? Were you disappointed? Do you want to read more? Would you recommend to someone? You might want to read newspaper or magazine reviews to get you an idea as to what is needed.

