

**AP Human Geography**  
**Unit I. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives**

**Key Term/Concepts to Know**

1. Geography and the scientific method
2. Inquiry method
3. Geographic questions
4. The Four Traditions in Geography
5. The Five Themes in Geography
6. Site
7. Situation
8. Spatial interaction
9. Time-space convergence
10. Intervening obstacles and opportunities
11. Expansion diffusion
12. Stimulus diffusion
13. Hierarchical diffusion
14. Contagious diffusion
15. Relocation diffusion
16. Place
17. Sense of place
18. Mental maps
19. Toponyms
20. Scale of analysis
21. Map scales
22. Pattern
23. Distribution
24. Concentration
25. Dispersed and/or clustered
26. Geometric patterns (linear, rectangular, square)
27. Elements of a map
28. Map projections
29. Types of maps
30. Map interpretation
31. Networks
32. Linkages
33. Interdependence
34. Regionalization
35. Formal region (uniform)
36. Functional region (nodal)
37. Vernacular region (perceptual)
38. Functional distance
39. Distance-decay
40. Friction of distance
41. Globalization

42. Computer mapping
43. GIS
44. GPS
45. Remote sensing
46. Satellite imagery
47. Aerial photography
48. Importance of observation
49. Field work
50. Google Earth