

Freshman History Summer 2020 Reading Assignment

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World Geography

Required text: Marshall, Tim. *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Explain Everything About the World*, Scribner: 2016.

Directions: Select **ONE** chapter from the book and after reading it, complete **ALL** the following questions:

1. What geographic characteristics are most prominent in the region you read about?
2. How have these geographic realities impacted the historical development of the region you read about?
3. How have they shaped the political structures and events of the region you read about?
4. What are the advantages of the geographic characteristics for the region you read about?
5. What particular obstacles or challenges have these characteristics presented to the region you read about and how have the specific powers in that region responded to these challenges?
6. What have you learned about how geography continues to impact us even today?

IMPORTANT: Please address these questions as complete thoughts within *the structure of a 500-word, double-spaced essay*, meaning combine your answers to these question together to create the essay. Again, take all of your separate answers and synthesize them into a consistent, complete thought to formulate this short book chapter analysis. **To receive full credit, please include specific evidence and examples from the text to support your answers.**

Chapters (select *only one*):

1. Russia
2. China
3. United States
4. Western Europe
5. Africa
6. The Middle East
7. India and Pakistan
8. Korea and Japan
9. Latin America
10. The Arctic

Due: Friday, August 21st