Human Geography for New and Experienced Teachers

Designed for the new AP Human Geography teachers seeking to expand their knowledge of concepts and teaching strategies, this course will look at providing in-depth discussion of the course articulation to help participants gain a broad understanding of various topics. Participants will look at exam preparation, especially related to writing skills by reviewing past and current FRQs from the AP exam. Attention will be paid to developing a syllabi, modeling lessons, and various teaching resources. Participants will be encouraged to share best practices and to learn from one another and the workshop leader.

Topics will include the following:
- Thinking geographically, globally, spatially and conceptually
- Prevailing themes of globalization, gender, population, urbanization and development
- Field studies, class research projects, and case studies
- An examination of the cultural landscape
- Course articulation and syllabi
- Preparing students for success on the AP exam
- Using multiple textbooks, supplementary materials, internet, Arcgis, and videos

What participants should bring:
- Copy of your classroom text that will be used and a world atlas
- Sample of materials or some of your favorite projects/lessons from each unit of AP Human Geography (especially if you have been teaching the course)
- 8 GB flash drive
- Laptop for activities later in the week.

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