

AP Human Geography
Summer Assignment

The purpose of AP Human Geography is to study the patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of the Earth's surfaces. We will especially focus on human social organization and the environmental consequences of human society. Taking this course will prepare you for the Advanced Placement Human Geography Exam. Successful completion of the AP exam may allow you to earn college credit.

Assignment – To be turned in on the first day of class. (Aug 24, 2009)

You will need to obtain a copy of *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. You may purchase it new or used. It may also be available at the library.

This is a novel that will ask you to look at the world from a new perspective. You may find some of the concepts and ideas challenging. This is to be expected from a college level course. Please be assured that nothing will be assigned that you are not capable of doing. Also, remember that you would not have been recommended for this course if we did not think you had the potential to be successful.

The book is divided into thirteen chapters. You will have thirteen short answer questions, one per chapter, and a summary assignment. Your answers to the chapter questions should be in well-developed paragraphs. A one sentence is not sufficient! I would recommend reading a chapter and then responding to the question before going on. The summary assignment should be formatted according to the option you select.

Chapter 1 – Who is Ishmael and why is he seeking a student?

Chapter 2 – What does Ishmael mean when he uses the term Mother Culture?

Chapter 3 – What is the purpose of the jellyfish story?

Chapter 4 – Who are the Takers and Leavers?

Chapter 5 – What does Ishmael say is the purpose of prophets in history?

Chapter 6 - What is the Taker Thunderbolt?

Chapter 7 – How would you describe the peace-keeping law?

Chapter 8 – How did the Agricultural Revolution create change in the world order?

Chapter 9 – How does Ishmael explain the story of Cain and Abel?

Chapter 10 – What is culture amnesia?

Chapter 11 – What is the purpose of the Bwana role-play discussion?

Chapter 12 – What does Ishmael say is crucial for man's survival?

Chapter 13 – A koan is a puzzling or paradoxical statement. What is the purpose of the two koans given in the novel?

Summary Assignment – Choose one activity to complete

1. You are a journalist in the year 2057. Write an editorial of 400-500 words about the first part of the 21st century based on the projections described in the book.

2. You're a politician transformed by reading *Ishmael*. Create a platform describing your new social, economic and environmental ideas for government.

3. Create a children's picture book that explains the concepts of Leavers and Takers. Your book should be a minimum of 10 pages and every page should be illustrated. Make sure to keep the vocabulary simple.

4. Create a photo journal of at least 10 images that represent the ideas of *Ishmael*. The caption for each image should describe a theme from the book. These should be photos you take yourself and not images from books or the internet.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cassetta at cassettd@cisdmail.com