

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
The Human Development Index (HDI)

**Your Assignment:**

The HDI is a composite statistic that considers development in the context of “people and their capabilities” (United Nations, 2019). In other words, it is more holistic measure of *development*, one that moves beyond the traditional realm of economics.\* Refer to the **2019 HDI Summary** and familiarize yourself with these criteria.

Next, using this table, create a map that divides the world and its countries into four distinct categories: **Very High** Human Development, **High** Human Development, **Medium** Human Development and **Low** Human Development. Visit [mapchart.net](http://mapchart.net) and use this program to create your original map. Consider appropriate use of colors. Include a legend. The names of countries (i.e., labels) are not required for your map.

When your map is complete, answer these questions:

#1 What regional patterns are evident on the map? *name the region(s) and describe the patterns*


#2 What outliers or inconsistencies do you notice on the map? *name the region(s) or country(ies) and explain*

Copy and past your map to these answers and submit the document no later than Sunday (**03/15/20**) at 6:00<sup>PM</sup>. Ask questions when necessary! This assignment is an introduction to the HDI, an important course concept. By completing the map, you will have a deeper grasp of Development Geography, which involves more than reducing the globe into a simple binary of LDC<sup>s</sup> versus MDC<sup>s</sup>. Likewise, this assignment allows you to revisit the world map.

**Extra Credit:**

Instead of considering the HDI values, complete each step of the assignment by calculating and mapping the changes in HDI (per country) from 2016 to 2017. Note: If you select this option, your answers and map will be different.

Name



Legend:

#1 Throughout Western Europe and North America, I notice a cluster of **Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read.**

#2 The outliers tend to be located in **answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read. Answer that you cannot read.**

*Suggested Format*

\* “Three people were walking down the street. Two of them were economists...”  
GNP is a flawed measure of human well-being!