

WORLD GEOGRAPHY (307)
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT, 2018

DUE: First day of class in September, 2018 [Not Orientation Day]

I. Read: *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*, by Martin Ganda (Author), Caitlin Alifirenka (Author), and Liz Welch (Contributor)

Note: This is the same book as your summer reading assignment for English

II. Complete the following:

- As you read, keep track of Place descriptions for Hatfield, PA (the town where Caitlin lives), and of Mutare, Zimbabwe (the city where Martin's development Chisamba Singles is located). See below for the characteristics of Place.
- For each, Hatfield and Mutare, write a brief essay (150 - 200 words) describing them as geographic "Places".

III. Turn In:

- Two essays, one on Hatfield, and one on Mutare
- The essays may be handwritten or typed, but must be neat. If handwritten, please use regular lined notebook paper, and write in blue or black ink. If typed, must be double-spaced.

Assessment: Quiz grade

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely, Mrs. Gibson-Quigley

If you have any questions, you may contact me at: sgibsonquigley@nda-worc.org

Supplies you will need for class:

- Three-ring binder -- 1 ½ inch size
- Loose leaf paper
- Tab Dividers
- Pens (blue or black only), pencils, colored pencils, highlighters

Place refers to the physical and human aspects of a location.

The physical aspects are associated with the name of a place, the description of the features of the place, and the environmental conditions of the place. Each place in the world has its unique characteristics. **Physical characteristics** include a description such things as the mountains, rivers, beaches, topography, climate, and animal and plant life of a place. If a place is described as hot, sandy, fertile, or forested, these terms all paint a picture of the physical characteristics of the location.

The **human characteristics** of place are defined by the nature and size of its human population, the distinct human cultures, their ways of life, etc. These features include land use,

architectural styles, forms of livelihood, religious practices, political systems, common foods, local folklore, means of transportation, and methods of communication.

Brief Example: As a place, Washington, D.C., is on the Potomac River. It has a humid climate with cool winters and hot summers. It is a major city and center of government for the United States.

