

AP Human Geography: Post National Exam

Students did phenomenal finishing their national exam. As noted before, this was the highest percentage/turnout of students that opted to test on national testing day in my tenure. Kudos to these young adults for preparing and buying into the test they prepared for all school year. Results will be posted to their AP Classroom student account and usually, by July.

As we work toward the final weeks of school, below is an overview of where we are headed. We have a chance to dive a bit deeper into content previously learned, but due to lack of time allowing further exploration, we can now focus on a few key items missed, in Unit IV.

As planned, students completed a country portfolio that acted as a warm up to additional country portfolio, highlighting South Africa. This will allow further connection with the geographical location, allowing them to connect with the Apartheid era and Nelson Mandela. We will take a look at events leading up to collapse of the government and what took place after. To do this, we will explore through text the history, watch the film, *Invictus*, and have a guest speaker, Ika Emmons as our culmination to the unit.

In closing, after our exploration about all things South Africa, for the semester final, students are still expected to be in attendance as it acts a 10% of their overall grade. It will be project and reflective in nature. Nothing they need to study for and will have class-time provided to see success.

More Information Regarding Planned Guest Speaker:

Name: *Ika Emmons (guest speaker since 2023)*

Title: *Mother, wife, adventurer, entrepreneur, and intense story sharer about being a youth living and growing up in South Africa during the apartheid era as well as the effects of new governmental shift (election held just last year).*

Rationale: *AP Human Geography Unit IV: Race, Ethnicity, and Nation. There is a vast segment on the apartheid era in this unit. We will continue this further after the national test and students are aware of this. By completing a pre-activity to apartheid, really going in-depth to the era, the mending, followed by film *Invictus*, and eventually connecting with Ika was done last year, and students continue to report she was one of the more powerful speakers and favorite expansion to a unit.*

More Information Regarding Planned Film:

**Next week as students are ready to watch an engaging film with a great deal of historical accuracies through multiple lenses regarding how to unify a nation coming out of the Apartheid era. If you need more beyond my explanation, provided are links to the plot and summary of the film AND where to view the trailer. We plan on starting Monday: *Invictus* ([2009](#)) - [Plot](#) - [IMDb](#), *Invictus* ([2009](#)) - [IMDb](#)*