

AP Human Geography Summer Assignment – School Year 2010 – 2011

Read the attached chapter from “Killing Pablo.” This chapter identifies the level of cooperation, based on political geography and the urban geography of the time, between the United States Government and the Government of Colombia that resulted in the death of Pablo Escobar, one of the most famous cartel leaders in history. Based on the chapters, answer the FIVE Essential Questions:

1. Los Pepes was an anti-Escobar faction of civilians. Should they have had the role they did in assassinating Escobar?
2. Ambassador Morris Busby (feel free to google his name for additional information) put together a massive coalition of people to hunt and kill Escobar, a foreign national in a foreign country, using the American military. Was this a mistake, even though it worked? Was it justified? Please JUSTIFY your opinion with quotes from the attached.
3. Much of what drove Los Pepes was based on very regional, domestic affairs – how were the interests of the United States government entangled in them?
4. What role did the geography, both urban and rural, play in Escobar’s ability to disappear? What role did it play in his capture?
5. In conclusion – Amb. Busby was the last US Government official to function “without protocol,” in other words, without consent from Washington – would these methods be effective in the war on terror? Cite specific examples of Busby’s actions from the attached and elucidate your thoughts on what the same methods might do in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ALL quotes and materials must come ONLY from the attached chapter, so no citations are necessary for this paper. You may answer these questions as a 5-page continuous paper or alternatively, you may write one page for each with the number of the question you are answering in the header.

You will also find attached a list of AP Geography vocabulary words we will use throughout the year – you must pick 20 of them and use them CORRECTLY in the paper, and highlight them by UNDERLINING AND BOLD-TEXTING them.

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH FOUR TEST GRADES; IF YOU EMAIL IT TO ME BY AUGUST 20TH, YOU WILL RECEIVE 7 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS. IT IS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – FAILURE TO TURN IT IN BY THEN WILL COST YOU 10 POINTS PER DAY