

REFLECTION #1: "Obama Uninformed About Geography"

By Victor Davis Hanson

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Directions

After reading the article, answer the following questions in paragraph form as your "Reflection." This should be 1 typed page, 12 point font, double-spaced with 1" margins. You do not need to include the question or prompt. Simply organize this paper into 3 paragraphs that are even in length. I will look for your topic sentence in each paragraph as an introduction to the ideas you will be discussing.

- I. *Summarize:* State Hanson's opinion/main idea. Make sure you also provide at least 3 reasons or pieces of evidence Hanson articulates to make his main point.
- II. *Connect our Text:* Since you are reading Chapters 1 & 2 for next week, use pages 13-14 to help you answer this question:

"How would Gersmehl further explain Hansen's points?"

I am looking for you to integrate the 2 authors' ideas by noting how Gersmehl explains why geography isn't taught the way he recommends.

- III. *Reflect:* As you think about entering the teaching profession, what is your opinion about the ideas suggested by both authors? What do you see as possible benefits and drawbacks? Feel free to agree or disagree with either author, as well.