

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Purpose

The AP World History - Modern course spans the last 800 years of human history, from around 1200 C.E. through present-day. It is important for all 10th grade AP students to have a solid foundation in the key concepts and important historical developments from before 1200 C.E. Some of you studied AP Human Geography in 9th grade. Others studied Global History at the regular-level in 9th grade. It is also important for all 10th grade AP students to be acclimated to the reading level of the textbook which you will be using throughout the whole year for the class.

Task

Your summer assignment is to read the primary textbook (World Civilizations by Stearns, Revised 7th AP Edition) from Chapter 1 through Chapter 6. You have the option to also read the secondary textbook (Ways of the World by Strayer, 2nd Edition) from the Prologue through Chapter 6. It is hoped that this assignment will equip you with the necessary foundation knowledge so that you are more prepared to face the rigors and challenges of the AP World History - Modern class for which you have chosen to be enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Assessment

There is no mandatory written work. However, the first test(s) of the school year will be based on the assigned summer reading. Each teacher (Ms. Griggs and Mr. Ko) reserves the right to give one or more tests based on this material. Each teacher reserves the right to decide the overall weight of these tests for the first quarter for their respective classes.

Students who test poorly or are anxious about how they will perform on such tests may choose to submit written work at the beginning of the school year to earn an “effort grade”. This “effort grade” may equal but will not exceed the value of the test(s) for the summer reading so that, at best, it will mitigate any subpar performance by a student on the test(s) but will not replace/cancel a student’s score on the test(s).

The only written work that will be accepted are well-organized, thorough, and complete notes (preferably in outline format) of the assigned summer reading. The overall length of such notes should follow a general guideline of compressing 3 to 4 textbook pages into one page of handwritten notes on college/narrow-ruled lined paper.

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Curriculum Resources

You can access the AP World History textbooks through the following links (both files are large and may be too large for preview; instead you may need to download them onto your iPad/computer before opening them in whichever program you prefer to use for reading pdf files; you will need to be logged into your GNPS student account in order to have the necessary permissions to view these files):

Primary textbook: [World Civilizations by Stearns, Revised 7th AP edition](#)

Secondary textbook: [Ways of the World by Strayer, 2nd AP edition](#)

Don't wait until the last minute to do your summer reading. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you in class next year!