

# 2021 AP World History

## Summer Assignment

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### **Instructions:**

Welcome to AP World History! This Summer Assignment comprises two parts and is designed to prepare you for the year ahead. If you have any questions as you work on these exercises throughout the summer, please feel free to reach out to me by email. I am more than happy to help! My email is: [plawlor@cbury.org](mailto:plawlor@cbury.org)

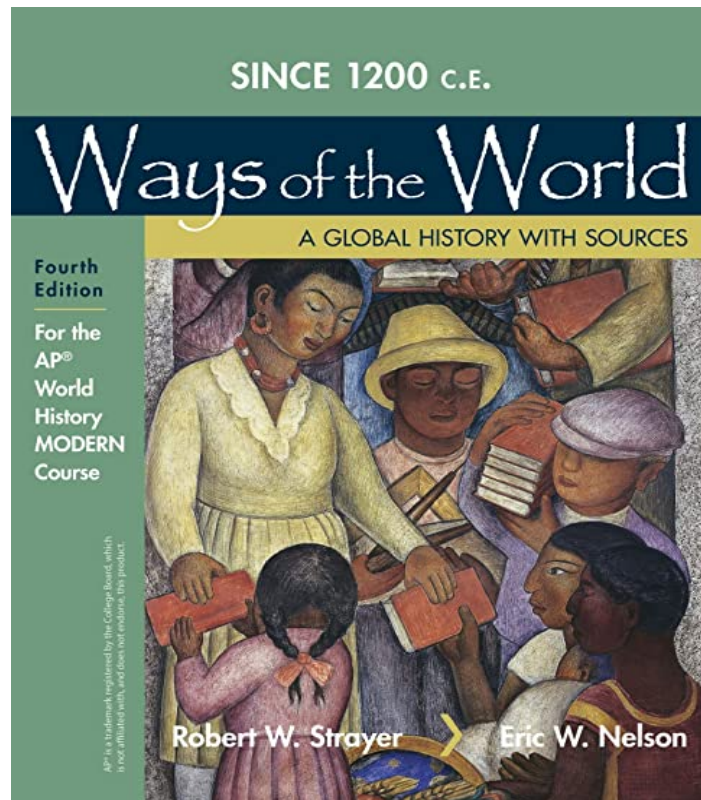
**Please remember that your summer assignment is due by the first day of class.**

Good luck!

- Dr. Lawlor

## Course Textbook

Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson, *Ways of the World: A Global History with Sources: 4th edition, for the AP World History Modern Course (Since 1200 C.E.)*. Bedford, Freeman & Worth, 2020. ISBN: 978-1-319-23657-1.



You may obtain a digital version of this textbook by purchasing **Launchpad for Ways of the World**. The ISBN for the 1 use LaunchPad is 9781319282554 "1200 Update LaunchPad for Ways of the World with Sources for the AP® Modern Course (One-Use Online)"

If you do choose to purchase and use Launchpad, you will need to access the course through the following link:

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**LearningCurve**

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**Quizzing**

LaunchPad offers a wealth of quizzing options. Pre-built quizzes are readily available and editable. Instructors can also build their own quizzes from test banks, end of chapter questions, questions they write themselves, and more.

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## PART I

**Guidelines:** You will be required to read different chapters from the “Ways of the World: A Global History with Sources” text and provide a follow up essay (3 total) based on a selected topic.

**Format:** All of your essays must feature an introduction with a strong thesis statement followed by at least four paragraphs that contain numerous facts and details that support your thesis statement. Your essays should be at least two pages in length, double-spaced with 12-point font. You must type your essays.

### *Essay 1*

- ❑ Read pp.12-40 from Chapter 1, **Before 1200: Patterns in World History**. Write an essay that answers the following question:

*Why have human cultural traditions, such as religions, generally outlasted the political systems in which they were born? (BIG PICTURE QUESTION on p.41). Please provide specific examples from the different religions and cultural traditions discussed in this chapter.*

### *Essay 2*

- ❑ Read chapter 2, **Varieties of Civilizations: Eurasia and the Americas, 1200-1450**. Write an essay that answers the following question:

*What similarities and differences can you identify between the civilizations examined in this chapter? (BIG PICTURE QUESTION on p.94).*

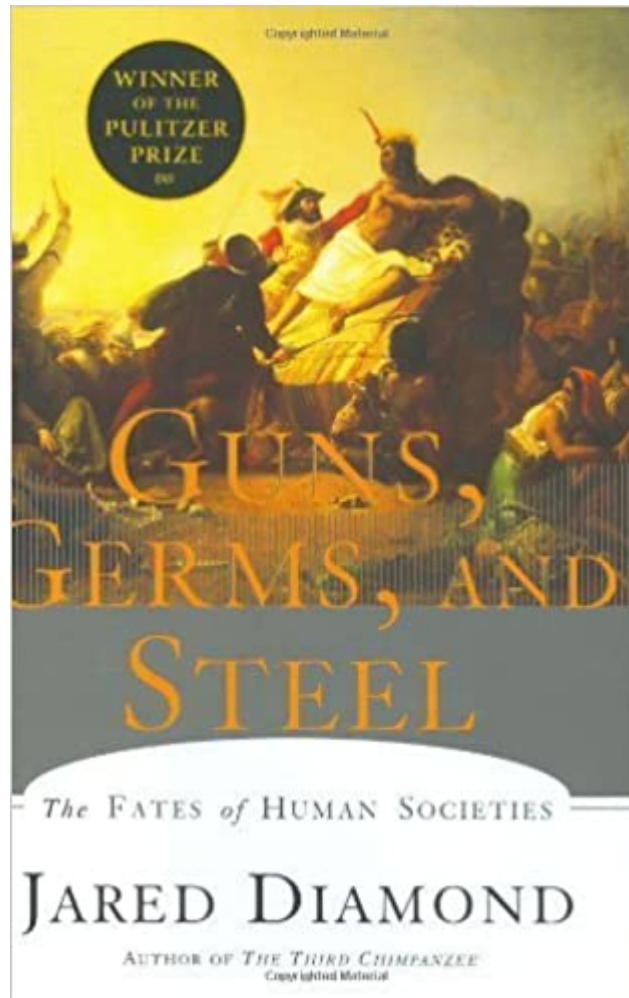
### *Essay 3*

- ❑ Read chapter 3, **Connections and Interactions, 1200-1450** and complete an essay that answers the following question:

*What motivated and sustained the long-distance commerce of the Silk Roads, Sea Roads and Sand Roads? (BIG PICTURE QUESTION ON p. 138).*

## PART II

Read: Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*.



You are strongly encouraged to read the entire book, but you **MUST** read the following chapters:

Prologue: Yali's Question

Ch. 1: Up to the Starting Line

Ch. 2: A Natural Experiment of History

Ch. 3: Collision at Cajamarca

Ch. 4: Farmer Power

Ch. 5: History's Haves and Have-Nots

Ch. 6: To Farm or Not to Farm

Ch. 9: Zebras, Unhappy Marriages, and the Anna Karenina Principle

Ch. 10: Spacious Skies and Tilted Axes

Ch. 11: Lethal Gift of Livestock

Ch. 12: Blueprints and Borrowed Letters

Ch. 13: Necessity's Mother

Ch. 14: From Egalitarianism to Kleptocracy

### ***Response Question***

After completing the readings, write a double-spaced response in which you discuss how guns, germs, and steel changed human history. Your response should be at least two pages in length (12-point font) and should answer the following question:

- In your opinion, which of these three (guns, germs, and steel) had the greatest influence on the course of human history? WHY? You must support your answer with details from the book.*
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