

AP World History: Modern (1200-Present)

Greetings AP World History students! As part of this course you will be expected to complete a series of tasks to provide you with a contextual foundation of history that occurred prior to the beginning of our course. These summer assignments are designed to ensure that all students begin the class with the background knowledge they need to be successful in class as well as begin the journey through AP World History. We will be using the assignments in the first week of class to help establish a foundational understanding of World History.

1. Course Themes

Most of the content of the course can be divided into themes, lovingly and newly referred to as the [PIECES](#) themes. Knowing these themes ahead of time will help you understand and process information as it is given to you in class. It will also help you with the essay writing process that will ultimately lead you to success on the AP exam.

2. AP Regions

The AP course divides the world into 11 regions. You will need to locate each of these regions on a map and name modern countries from each. Find each region below and a minimum of two modern countries from each. You do not need to research or label anything about these regions; simply know two countries that fall into each region . You can find a copy of the AP region map posted online [here](#).

- North America
- North Africa
- Central Asia
- Southeast Asia
- The Caribbean
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South Asia
- Europe
- Latin America & Mesoamerica
- The Middle East
- East Asia

3. World Religions / Belief Systems Chart

Global religions and belief systems are one of the many causes of differences and difficulties throughout human history. Having a basic understanding of the foundational ideas of some of these major religions and belief systems will help you be successful this year. Using your knowledge from previous classes and the ever helpful website [FreemanPedia](#), fill in the [World Religion/Belief System Chart](#).

4. Civilizations / Empires Chart (Unit 0)

Groups of people have evolved from nomadic groups to civilizations to empires to

nations and many forms in between. You are going to take a look at the rise and fall of some of these major civilizations and empires in early human history leading up to the beginning of our course. Again, using FreemanPedia, fill in the [Civilizations/Empires Chart](#). Make sure to pay attention to the date range for each civilization/empire.

5. AP World History Academic Vocabulary

AP World History, being taught at a college level, has an advanced vocabulary that is used during the coverage of the content, as well as on the exam. Research the below terms, define them, and create a **typed, two column chart** for the words and their definitions.

- Autocratic
- Bureaucracy
- Consumerism
- Deity
- Nation-State
- Democracy
- Civilization
- Patriarchy
- Classical
- Diffusion
- Syncretism
- Colony
- Eurocentric
- Sovereignty
- Conservative
- Hegemony
- Utopian
- Constitution
- Ideology
- Liberal

Example:

WORD	DEFINITION
Autocratic:	A ruler with absolute power over his or her kingdom/dominion

I will be available to assist you throughout the summer via e-mail at: eweeks@tvsnaples.org. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance! Have a wonderful summer, and I will see you in August.

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