



ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

2024 Summer Reading

AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN

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ASSIGNMENT #1:

Purchase a **NEW** textbook: *Strayer's Ways of the World: 5th Edition*

NOTE: You must purchase this book NEW - you cannot have a used book.

Parents: The cost of this book is rather high, however we do use this book on a regular basis and it will serve as a valuable resource for this class.

You can decide whether you'd like to buy the physical book or the e-book. Choose whichever you prefer!

It MUST be the 5th edition! The earlier editions of the book are very different.

ASSIGNMENT #2:

In your new textbook, read and annotate the Prologue (p. xxxvi-xlii) and all of chapter 1 (p. 8-47).

Annotations should include: highlights of information you think is important and margin notes. Think of a margin note as a quick note to yourself about why you decided to highlight something.

I will check your annotations on the first day of class.

ASSIGNMENT #3:

Print out and complete this assignment.

Bring it to the first day of class (sheets attached).

Questions from Prologue

1. What are the 3 eras of human history?
2. Why have historians started to try to reframe world history?
3. What are the 4 major emphases of world history? *Briefly* describe each.
4. What are your thoughts on the “world history on a calendar” analogy?

Questions for Ch. 1: Before 1200: Patterns in World History

1. Where did humans first emerge?
2. Summarize the Paleolithic Era in 1 sentence.
3. What was the most fundamental transformation in all of human history as it allowed for the “foundation for much that followed: growing populations, settled farming villages, animal-borne diseases, an explosion of technological innovation, cities, states, empires, civilizations, writing, literature, and much more” (13)?
4. What examples of domesticated animals are listed and what are some of their functions?
5. Where are most pastoral societies found?
6. What are the functions of cities?
7. Who represents the overwhelming majority of the population in all civilizations?
8. Summarize the relationship between civilizations and their environment in 1-2 sentences.

9. What are the 7 major cultural traditions of the Afro-Eurasian world? Include where each originated/was most common. (There are 7)
10. Why did a new form of Buddhism come about?
11. What was the Confucian answer to the problem of China's disorder?
12. Why was a single focus for Christian belief and practice difficult to achieve, leading to the emergence of different church organizations and doctrines?
13. "Thus by 1200 or so, the Christian world was not only geographically extensive but also politically and theologically very _____ and highly _____."
14. How was Sufism different from traditional Islam?

You will also be expected to know the following vocab words:

- Paleolithic era
- Agricultural revolution
- Pastoral society
- Patriarchy
- Hinduism
- Upanishads
- Siddhartha Gatama
- Theravada Buddhism
- Mahayana Buddhism
- Bhakti movement
- Confucianism
- Han dynasty
- Daoism
- Judaism
- Jesus of Nazareth
- Muhammad
- Quran
- Umma
- Ulama
- Sharia
- Madrassas
- Sufism