

AP World History Summer Assignment 2024-2025

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Welcome to Advanced Placement World History Modern. We will be focusing on history from 1200 to the present, but we will be reviewing some of the information that you learned prior to 1200 that shaped events after 1200. Over the course of the school year, we will explore years of human history, learn valuable skills, and take the AP World History Exam in May, 2024. This is an exciting class that will allow us to look at the big picture of history, trace cultures over time, and examine human interactions.

In AP World History we will be covering world history, broken into the following thematic units

Unit 1- The Global Tapestry (1200-1450)

Unit 2- Networks of Exchange (1200-1450)

Unit 3- Land Based Empires (1450-1750)

Unit 4- Transoceanic Connections (1450-1750)

Unit 5- Revolutions (1750-1900)

Unit 6- Consequences of Industrialization (1750-1900)

Unit 7- Global Conflict (1900 to Present)

Unit 8- Cold War and Decolonization (1900-to Present)

Unit 9- Globalization (1900 to Present)

For most of you, this is your first AP class. To be successful, you will need to stay focused and work hard. This class is faster paced than your freshman social studies class and requires you to read and take notes independently. You should be prepared to spend five to seven hours a week outside of class on AP World History.

As you can tell with the overlapping dates of the units, some students struggle with putting events in the proper context. This is a skill called- Periodization. This basically means, "How do we organize history into different chunks of time?" With this in mind, your summer reading is selected to help you see some of the many ways that historians may "chunk" history.

You will complete the following, summer assignment that will count as part of your grade during the first progress report in the fall. **The Reading and the timeline dates are due the first day of class in August.** You are not constructing the timeline. For the summer you only have to have a list of dates We will spend the first couple of classes using your information. The purpose of this assignment is to get a jumpstart on the curriculum and begin understand how historians use periodization in history.

Part 1: Read the following book and complete the following task

Standage, Tom. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*. Traces the history of civilization through Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, Coffee, Tea, Coca-Cola

[Link on Amazon](#)

Part 2 – Timeline (We will be making the timeline the first week of class for an assignment- all you need the first week of class is a list of events and dates selected from the book you are not selecting dates from any other source)

You will be creating in class at the beginning of the year a timeline of world history using major events from the book. Your timeline will include the events you selected. **You will need to select from each chapter five dates with brief facts for a total of 30 dates and facts that you will use on your timeline.** The events chosen should be significant to world history, not just the history of the drinks. You should make a written list of these events as you read your book. If possible try to find events that show an integration between 2 groups or regions.

For Example: 1839-42 CE: Opium Wars fought between China and Britain over the trade of tea and opium.

Reminder- You are not making the timeline yet only coming up with the dates. You will need to bring this list to class the FIRST day along with your book, as you will begin working on your timeline.

Text for Class

We will be using the same text from last year in our class as the main text. For those of you who would like that information please use this link to see the textbook information. All students will be provided a copy of the electronic book in August. You do not have to purchase the text.

[Ways of the World 4th Ed. with Sources- Amazon Link](#)

I hope you enjoy the book.

Have a great Summer and I will see you in August!

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