

Advanced Placement World History 2026-27
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Summer 2026 Assignment

Welcome to Advanced Placement World History and the world of AP! This one-year, **college-level course** will prepare you for the World History Advanced Placement exam and future AP social science courses you may choose to take at Kimball or at any high school. Throughout the course you will learn various strategies for successful AP-style essay writing, analysis of primary and secondary source documents (including text, maps, charts, photographs, illustrations, and political cartoons), and comparative analysis and change analysis; and practice focused, timed essay writing. This course will cover time periods from about **1200 CE, to present times**, and will *require more homework than World History CP, will move more quickly and cover more historical information in an analytical way* than World History CP. This course fulfills the A-G requirement for World History

You are not expected to know everything; rather, you will learn the broad trends, patterns, and themes of world history in this course. Critical to your understanding is the ability to sift through all the things discussed in the textbook as well as other readings, documents, visual sources, and other materials to identify what is important in the context of world history. This is a long process that takes time to develop. Understanding the themes in this course – to be introduced at the beginning of the first week – will help you in this process. Throughout the year, I will introduce you to various study tools, including notes and notecard samples, essay guidelines and models, compare and contrast charts, and rubrics.

If you have questions about the assignments or the course over the summer, please email me. But, before you send me a question, be sure to read all the guidance I have provided. I will be checking my email periodically during the summer. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS** to start working on the summer assignment! You must give yourself plenty of time to complete all parts of this required assignment.

Your summer assignment is due on the 2nd day of school: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, in hard copy form) It must be handwritten. Please do it neatly, if I can't read it, I can't grade it!

Required Materials:

- School-issued laptop
- 1.5-inch binder (you may use a section in large binder)
- At least 5 dividers (or ideally 9 dividers)
- Basic writing supplies including a notebook, pens (blue/black/red), pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, etc are required

Required Materials Check on the 2nd day: bring all required items, including your laptop, binder with dividers, and writing supplies.

Lesson 1: Welcome to the World of AP!

1. Go to the following website: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/course-index-page>
2. Go to the box "Learn about AP courses"
 - [Select "AP World History, Modern" from the list.](#)
 - Look around the site: Course Overview, Course Details, About the Exam, Exam Practice, etc.

Lesson 2: Geography

Before studying the world, you must know where in the world everything is. Make sure you have a good, current book atlas and/or world map at home. A globe is NOT sufficient. However, Google Earth and National Geographic online also have fantastic materials for studying the physical and political features of our planet. As we proceed through this course, you will be required to learn about the world's regions and the locations of numerous countries, major bodies of water, and physical features. **You will be tested on this on the 2nd day of school.** Following directions on this and the other parts of the assignments are critical.

1. On the **world map#3** included in this packet, **label all 16 WHAP regions, all oceans, and the following seas:** Adriatic Sea, Arabian Sea, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Caribbean Sea, Caspian Sea, Coral Sea, East China Sea, Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Philippine Sea, and Red Sea.

2. You will have a **map test** on the second day, be ready for it!

You should use the sidelines and draw arrows to the locations, or color code, or number the locations. Please do it neatly, if I can't read it, I can't grade it!

NOTE: ALL places & names on earth are ***Capitalized***. You are expected to use this form of correct grammar on this course.

3. Identify and list **5 countries** (except where less are indicated) within each of the **16 regions** using the **Must Know Regions chart** (and know where they are on a map.)

- **Open the links below to see the mapping assignment and helpful resources:**

- o [AP World History mapping assignment.pdf](#)
- o [AP World History regions.pdf](#)

Lesson 3: World Religions

The influence of major religions and semi-religious philosophies on societies will provide a reoccurring theme throughout the course. It is important for you to be familiar with each religion as we proceed through the course. Complete the graphic organizer provided, **open the links below** to view related resources for each religion or you may research on your own. **You do not need to write in complete sentences.**

- **Summer Assignment – Religions-Belief Systems Graphic Organizer**
 - o [Summer 2026 Assignment – Religions/Belief Systems Graphic Organizer.docx](#)
- **AMSCO Textbook Prologue:**
 - o [AMSCO Textbook Prologue.pdf](#)
 - o You do not need to read the whole thing, just look for information on each religion
- **YouTube Playlist: World Religions AP World History**
 - o https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMesyafVZAegcj5FK2rs9K7IP1Lsx6VpM&si=TunZitiIrsf_b4CP
 - o Again, you probably do not need to watch all of the videos to complete, just giving you options.