

AP World History Summer Assignment

Summer Reading Assignment Part II and III (part I was the Themes chart) : Make sure you have read the packet reading before attempting this assignment! Part II is to create charts that contain details that answer an AP World essay prompt. Part III is to write a thesis statement before or after your charts, a thesis statement that is a summarized answer to the prompt. You may type this assignment if you wish.

PART II:

Create charts on the back of this paper or use a separate piece of computer paper in response to the following AP WORLD ESSAY QUESTION: (Hint: Separate Venn Diagrams for the political systems and cultural systems work well, but you may use other types of diagrams.)

Compare and Contrast the political and cultural systems of ONE Western and ONE Eastern River Valley civilization.

Choose from the civilizations below!

Eastern-

East Asia- China
South Asia-India

Western-

Southwest Asia-Mesopotamia
Northern Africa-Egypt, Nubia and Bantu tribes.

Here are some ideas to consider as you do your charts.

Compare the political and cultural systems (which also means the social and religious nature) of these civilizations.

Political systems: Government, leaders, laws, structure of government and of the state, infrastructure, policies etc.

Culture: Religion, belief systems, how location affects the civilization, traditions, gender, classes of society, treatment of women, slaves etc.

PART II- Write a thesis for your chart and put it at the beginning or end of the chart that you create- use the following format for the thesis if you wish. (We highly suggest you use this format)

There are many similarities and differences between the _____ and the _____
_____. They are similar politically in that _____, they are different politically in that _____. They are similar culturally in that _____
They are different culturally in that _____. Finally

[Make sure that somewhere in this thesis you give the reason WHY for two of the statements you created above, using connective words such as “because”, “as a result of” – This will be the analytic why of the thesis statement.] For example: Egyptian and Chinese civilizations are different in that _____ because _____.....]

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