

## AP World History & Geography Summer Assignment 2009-2010

### Welcome to AP World History and Geography!

The AP faculty would like to welcome you to the fun, excitement and challenge of the Advanced Placement History program at Herndon High School. We commend you for choosing to join the AP team and look forward to working with you in the 2009-2010 school year. AP World History and Geography will give you a sound base in knowledge and skills so that you may move on to AP US VA History in 11th grade and AP Government in 12th grade.

In 10th grade you will be exposed to world history from ancient times to the modern era. The periodization of this course is as follows:

8,000 BCE to 600 CE:	Foundations
600 – 1450:	Post-Classical
1450 – 1750:	Early Modern Period
1750 – 1914:	Industrialization and Imperialism
1914 – Today:	Contemporary Age

The AP World History course is also guided by six themes. As you complete the summer assignment, keep these themes in mind:

1. Patterns and impacts of interaction among major societies, including trade, war, diplomacy, and international organizations.
2. The relationship of change or continuity across the world history periods covered in this course.
3. Impact of technology and demography on people and the environment population growth and decline, disease, manufacturing, migrations, and agriculture.
4. Systems of social structures and gender structure, comparing major features within and among societies and assessing change.
5. Cultural and intellectual developments and interactions among and within societies.
6. Changes and functions and structures of states and in attitudes toward states and political identities.

In order to get each of you involved in history and ready to move ahead in the fall you will need to work on an AP World History assignment during the summer. We believe this assignment will stimulate you intellectually. **Please read and complete the assignment which is due the first day of class. If you are enrolled in the block class, this means the assignment is due the first day of school.** We appreciate your interest, commitment and look forward to seeing each of you in the fall.

The AP World History and Geography summer assignment is intended to introduce the Contemporary Era as well as to introduce the students to a college level textbook. Each student will be issued World Civilizations: The Global Experience (4th edition) by Stearns, Adas, Schwartz, and Gilbert. It is also recommended that students purchase The Princeton Review: Cracking the AP World History Exam. This will help with the summer assignment as well as with the enormous amount of content the class covers throughout the year. It is expected that the summer assignment be completed individually, HANDWRITTEN, and no more than 15 pages. Please use 8 1/2 X 11 college-ruled, loose-leaf notebook paper.

**The Summer Assignment for AP World History & Geography has three parts:**

**Part I**

Read the following selections from World Civilizations: The Global Experience (4th Edition) and summarize briefly.

- Part I: The Rise of Agriculture and Agricultural Civilizations (pages 2-5)
- Part II: The Classical Period, 1000 BCE – 500 CE (pages 30-33)
- Part III: The Postclassical Era (pages 113-119)
- Part IV: The World Shrinks, 1450-1750 (pages 350-357)
- Part V: Industrialization and Western Global Hegemony, 1750-1914 (pages 524-533)
- Part VI: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century in World History (pages 662-669)

**Part II**

Read Chapters 32, 33, 34 & 35 of World Civilizations: The Global Experience (4th edition), and using the HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS in each chapter, take notes/outline. PLEASE INCLUDE NOTES ON THE IN-DEPTH FOR EACH CHAPTER AS WELL.

**Part III**

Define the following terms and include a sentence about their historical significance.

hunting and gathering	Catal Huyuk	B.C.
slash and burn agriculture	Mesopotamia	A.D.
civilization	Kush	B.C.E.
cuneiform	Harrapa	C.E.
barbarians	Mohenjo Daro	
nomads	Huanghe	Why did the historical dating system change?
ziggurats	Homo sapiens sapiens	
city-states	Homo erectus	
ideographic	Sumerians	
Paleolithic Age	Babylonians	
Neolithic Age	Hammurabi	
Neolithic Revolution	Phoenicians	
Bronze Age		

We are looking forward to a great year. We hope you enjoy your summer, and we'll see you in September!

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