

AP WORLD HISTORY NO SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

AP World History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university history course. In AP World History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in six historical periods from approximately 8000 B.C.E. to the present. The course provides five themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: interaction between humans and the environment; development and interaction of cultures; state building, expansion, and conflict; creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems; and development and transformation of social structures. Students are expected to learn and apply Historical Thinking Skills including: analyzing primary and secondary sources; making historical comparisons; utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time; and developing historical arguments.

To be successful, AP World History students must be able to keep up with assigned readings, to take notes independently on the key understandings from the textbook, notes and independent sources, and to then be able to apply the content to real-world situations, accurately using the terminology and concepts learned to support your position. You will be expected to read as much as a chapter a night in the textbook, with quizzes on the readings each day, and major tests after each unit.

I have high expectations for this class and demand students who are willing to put in the required effort necessary to succeed. My goal is for every student enrolled in the class to pass the AP Exam in May and earn college credit. That requires dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work on both our parts. I will do my job and I expect you to do yours.