

Advanced Placement World History: Modern

Summer Assignment

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Due Date: Friday, August 25th. You will also have a quiz this day on the information.

*This assignment is due for everyone by August 25th, regardless of class enrollment date. This is a fast-paced course and we must get through the summer content quickly to begin the course. If students do not have this completed by the end of the first week, they will be behind and it will be difficult to catch up.

Time: This varies from student to student, amount of effort, and distractions. This assignment should take about 3-5 hours total.

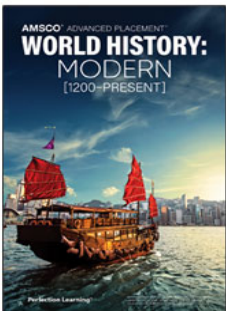
Purpose: A summer assignment is imperative in AP World for a few reasons.

#1- The course begins in the year 1200 but students must review what happened prior to this in world history in order to understand the course material (and religions in particular).

#2- It is important for students to understand the level of work expected in the course. This assignment is similar to the unit assignments given throughout the school year. If students begin this assignment and feel it is too overwhelming then the course itself will likely be too overwhelming for the student.

#3- With the new academic calendar we start school a week later than normal. This means we have one week less to learn all the material for the AP exam in May. We are going to need to move even faster than we already have to in order to complete the course content. This means more than even it is important to begin ASAP, which means students need this background knowledge.

You will need the text below in order to complete the summer assignment:



Advanced Placement World History: Modern: Student Edition Softcover

(by AMSCO- Available on Amazon.com and PerfectionLearning.com. Please be sure it is this exact version.) There is also an electronic version available if the hard copy is backordered.

[Online Ordering](#)

[Amazon](#)

If you are unable to purchase this, please let me know. It is important to have your own copy if possible so that you can make notes and complete activities in the text. If you do not want to buy this new, many students from last year will be willing to give you their used copy. I can put you in touch with these students!

Introduction:

Welcome to AP World History: Modern! This AP course covers the time period of 1200 CE- Present. Because this is the first AP course for many of you, and because this may be the first time you have

taken an in-depth look into world history, we must begin the course by covering some major world events prior to the year 1200 CE. Please complete all portions of the assignment detailed below.

Assignment:

1. **Please read pages xviii- xxxix** (“Introduction”). These pages are an introduction detailing the course and components of the AP exam. Although this is an exam introduction, you will be responsible for this information and may be quizzed on this the first week of school.
2. Please read the **PROLOGUE** (Parts 1-3). This includes all content from pages **xli- Ixii**.
3. Using the key terms on page **Ixii** please do the following:
 - a. Define the word- what does the term mean?
 - b. Explain- Give details supporting the definition.
 - c. What is the significance to world history?- Why should we know about this?
 - d. Example: (I’ve done the first one for you- these responses should look similar to this in terms of length and amount of content included.)
 - i. **Hinduism: Hinduism is a religion predominantly practiced in India. It is one of the oldest religions in the world, beginning roughly 3,500 years ago. The religion has no known founder and is many times considered both polytheistic and monotheistic. The religion began with Aryans migrating into what is now Pakistan and India. The religion uses scriptures known as the Vedas and includes concepts such as karma, reincarnation and the caste system which categorizes society on a hierarchical system. This religion is significant as it is not only one of the oldest religions still practiced in the world today, but it also carries with it a strong connection to culture in India and various other places around the globe.**
 - e. There are 42 key terms. This may be time consuming so please be sure to pace yourself. This assignment is similar to the “Proof of Reading” (POR) assignments you will be expected to complete frequently throughout the year. It is best you understand now the level and quality of work expected in the course so that you can be prepared.
 - f. **Your definitions and support must come from the text.** I will know if you’ve used the internet to complete this assignment and it will result in a zero in the gradebook.
4. Please complete the **Reflect on the Prologue** section (beneath the key terms on page Ixii)
 - a. Each response should be at least a paragraph in length and should include the following: (A.C.E it!)
 - i. **A**nswer the question.
 - ii. **C**ite specific examples from the text (this doesn’t mean cite with a page number, it means provide specific examples).
 - iii. **E**xplain- explain your response.
5. Please watch the following [video](#) review of World History before 1200. Heimler will be your best friend throughout the upcoming school year!
 - a. As you watch the video, please pause to write down any questions you may have on the material. These may not be “yes” or “no” questions. This note card with questions will be used in class the first week of school during a Socratic seminar. As a class we will ask questions and answer in an open format. Each student must participate in the Socratic discussion in both the question and answer portion.

- b. Example: ***What were the major social impacts of the Neolithic Revolution and how did it impact gender roles?***
- c. The note card questions will be collected. The note card and Socratic discussion will be graded.

Reminders:

-This assignment may be typed but is to be done completely individually and should be all original work. You will have a quiz on all of the above information on Friday of the first week of school (August 25th). This will serve as your study guide. This is due Friday, August 25th and will be submitted to Canvas.