

2009 Summer Assignments for AP World History

Albert Einstein High School

Dear Rising Junior or Senior,

Welcome to Advanced Placement World History. Laying the foundation for the course begins now, in the summer before. The scope of our course is broad--the history of the entire world from 8000 B.C.E. to the present -- roughly 10,000 years of history! Yet our in-depth study will focus on the years 600 C. E. to the present. To help set the stage for the more modern era, we must do a relatively quick overview of the ancient world and the study of human societies in general. To facilitate this study, you will read the first two chapters of the following book during summer vacation:

Author: Standage, Tom.

Title: *A History of the World in Six Glasses.*

Publisher: Walker Publishing Company (May 16, 2006)

ISBN-10: 0802715524

\$6.49 on Amazon.com!!!!

It is not a requirement that you buy the book, although it is a great resource and will be referenced throughout the year, so it will be helpful to own a copy. If you choose not to buy the book, it is available in most local libraries (in limited supply and there are around 90 AP World students next year). It can also be accessed digitally through Google Books [<http://books.google.com/books>]. Search for the book title and look for a link that says "Limited Preview." From there you will be able to access the book, although a few pages from each chapter will not be included. I can provide you with those pages if need be.

During the first week of school you will engage in a seminar type discussion of the material read over summer. In addition, you will have a written assessment of the reading and the seminar discussion. All parts of this assignment, i.e. the summer questions, the seminar and the written assessment, will count towards your first quarter grade.

If you have any questions about the reading, please email me. I look forward to seeing you in August!

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SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS 2009

These assignments are due on the first day of class next fall.

1. Gain access to *A History of the World in Six Glasses* by Tom Standage.
2. Read chapters one and two of the book on the importance of beer to early farming societies. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 8-12 sentences each. Cite the book when you use information from it.

Questions

1. How is the discovery of beer linked to the growth of the first "civilizations"?
 2. What does this history of beer in the ancient world tell us about the early civilizations?
 3. What sources does the author use to gather his information on the use of beer?
 4. What were some of the uses of beer by ancient cultures? Nourishment? Ritual? Religious?
 5. How did beer "civilize" man, according to Standage?
 6. What is the relationship between beer and writing, commerce, and health?
3. Read and take notes on the first chapter of your textbook, *The Earth and its Peoples* (attached). I have also attached some possible note taking strategies you may use if you choose. You will be doing a lot of reading from this textbook, so it is important to find a reading and note taking strategy that works for you.
 4. Familiarize yourself with and be able to locate the following items on a map. You will have a map quiz the first week of school that will assess your ability to locate these items.

Map Items

- Northern Hemisphere
- Southern Hemisphere
- Western Hemisphere
- Eastern Hemisphere
- North/West/South/East/ Central Africa
- East/South/Southeast Asia
- North America
- South America
- Pacific Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- Nile River
- Tigris River
- Euphrates River
- Mediterranean Sea
- Red Sea
- Sahara Desert
- Indus River
- Ganges River
- Himalayan Mountains
- Huang He (Yellow)
- Yangzi River
- Andes Mountains
- Amazon River
- Bering Strait

