

Advanced Placement World History

Summer Reading

Congratulation, you have decided to take on the greatest challenge of your academic career thus far. AP World History is a college level course covering "everything that has ever happened ever." To prepare you for this class, a book has been chosen for you to read this summer. It will give you a good introduction to some of the major themes of AP World History, as well as complete a retelling of world history from a unique point of view.

Assignment:

1. Read the book, *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage. (Check Barnes & Noble or Amazon. It may be read in print or digital format, whichever you learn best from.)

A History of the World in 6 Glasses tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the 21st century through the lens of beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea and soda. This book will give you a good overview of the material we will be covering in AP World History. Upon completion of the book you need to write an essay answering one of the three questions below. The essay should use evidence from the book to support your argument. It should be typed. It is due on the first day of school. It will count as an essay grade for the quarter. Late essays will not be accepted.

- A. What global processes does the reader learn about as they learn about these different beverages?
- B. What does one learn about class, social structure and religion in studying beverages?
- C. One criticism of this book is that the author focuses too much on Europe and not on other parts of the world. Do you agree or disagree with this criticism? Which parts of the world do not receive much attention in this book?

2. Read chapters 1 & 2 in Bentley's *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past*, 6th edition.

We will cover chapters 1-5 in the first week of school. You will have an essay and a multiple choice test over this material within the first week back. Read to learn, not just to complete the assignment.

If you have questions or need to reach me, please send me an e-mail at mvantress@ccslancers.com . Have a great summer. I look forward to having you in class in the coming year.

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