

AP World History
Summer Assignment 2018-2019
Scholarly Reading and Summer Sessions

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Welcome, students, to the history of everything that ever was!

This will be, I sincerely hope, *the* most interesting history course you have ever taken. Our task is a daunting one: 200,000 years of history in slightly less than 8 months (once you eliminate vacations, free days, and the like!) And, yes, this is a *college-level course*. *So, you need to know, up front, that you will have to do a lot of reading homework in this class, because we can't possibly cover everything in the limited class meetings we have together. To really be effective, this course requires about 30 minutes to an hour of studying – mostly reading – each night during the school year. If you are unwilling or unable to find the time and self-discipline to do this, you may want to rethink taking the class.* Because of all the different things this course integrates, I think it is the most interesting course I have ever taught, and I hope that you find it just as fascinating. But, I would not be fair if I didn't tell you that it was going to require work and time on both our parts.

I've designed a summer assignment to introduce you to the primary readings we will use in class. This summer program work is **REQUIRED** if you intend to stay in **WHAP**. If any issues arise that prohibit you from completing the assignment on time, please make an effort to contact me as soon as possible. I will be checking my email daily to look for your responses!

**Your entire summer assignment is located on Google Classroom.
Here is the code:**

Google Classroom Code: rgj0aom

Summer Sessions:

The summer sessions will run on July 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and the 16th from 11AM-1PM @ RHS

(It is strongly suggested that you attend each of these sessions)

Please continue on to the next page for your list of assignments 😊

AP World History (WHAP) Summer Assignments

1. Send me an email (dstephenson@hazlet.org) acknowledging that you enrolled in the Summer Session Google Classroom and intend to complete the course. While you are at it, tell me a little bit about yourself. Why are you taking this class? What would you like to get out of it? What are your interests outside of school? YOU MAY ALSO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ME ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CLASS, ME, OR ANYTHING THAT'S ON YOUR MIND! *Whenever you send me an email, be sure to put WHAP in as the first part of the subject so that my spam filter doesn't dump your email directly to the trash!*

2. This year, we will be using *Our World's Story* as our primary textbook. We will be reading the first five chapters of this book over the summer to prep you for our class. Each chapter has a number of guided reading questions for you to answer and a PowerPoint presentation to help you visualize the material. (These questions and PowerPoints are available on Google Classroom). Additionally, you'll be responsible for taking notes on each chapter that we read. *I expect the reading, questions, and notes to be completed to the best of your ability by the assigned dates, always!* You are to answer these questions in complete sentences. I will be modelling what good, effective responses look like at the summer sessions. Here is the schedule for your summer reading:
 - a. **Chapter 1: *The State of Our World***
 - i. Due: July 10th
 - b. **Chapter 2: *Humans Take the Stage***
 - i. Due: July 11th
 - c. **Chapter 3: *The Greatest Travelling Expedition Ever***
 - i. Due: July 11th
 - d. **Chapter 4: *We Farm***
 - i. Due: July 12th
 - e. **Chapter 5: *What We Believe***
 - i. Due: July 16th

One final thought: You will find that much of the work in this course is purely intellectual, requiring you to read and think about ideas or events, to develop your understanding. The fact that this “work” is not always written is no excuse to short-cut or skip doing it – **so (for your own success) GIVE IT THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES** ☺

Well... that's about it! Have a great summer, full of relaxation and intellectual challenge. Get started on the work. Email me if you have any questions!

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