

AP World History Students for the 2018-2019 school year

A subject like World History can be learned anytime and anywhere. Introducing yourself to world history topics before the school year starts will help you recall and develop a deeper understanding of those topics when they are covered in class. **You should expect 3-5 hours of homework in AP World History per week throughout the school year.** Working on AP World History 6 days per week for 30-45 minutes will get you to 3-5 hours. We are asking you to start developing that work ethic during the summer. Work on the following assignments for 30-45 minutes per day or figure out a system that works for you. ***Please do not spend more than 5 hours per week even if that means you will not get all of the assignments done.**

Completing the following assignments during the summer will not only help you learn the content more efficiently in class, it will also keep you from overloading your homework schedule during the school year.

There are two categories of assignments:

Required – These assignments will be included as part of your 1st or 2nd semester grade and/or you will take a test within the first few weeks of the school year to assess what you have learned.

Optional – These assignments will not be included as part of your 1st or 2nd semester grade. They are opportunities to learn world history through watching shows or reading books. We highly recommend choosing at least one of the books as summer reading.

The following “assignments/activities” will help you prepare for the AP World History Curriculum:

Required

1. Choose **one or more** of the following options to increase your knowledge of world history. You might want to explore each option to see which one will work best for you.
 - Crash Course World History (Youtube) – Episodes 1 – 42 and 201 – 230
 - Khan Academy (khanacademy.org) – Work through the 6 Historical Periods: Beginnings, Second-Wave Civilizations, Regional and interregional interactions, Renaissance and Reformation, Enlightenment and Revolution, and The 20th century. There are videos to watch, summaries to read, and quizzes to complete.
 - Freeman-pedia.com – Work through the six Historical Periods: Foundations, Classical, Post-Classical, Early Modern, and Contemporary. The information from freeman-pedia comes straight from the A.P. World History curriculum. Read the information on each page, click the links to learn more about specific topics, and watch the videos (mainly from Crash Course World History).

Optional

Watch movies, series, documentaries, or videos about world history. Historical Fiction is okay. Check for historical accuracy.

Mankind: the Story of All of Us (You might find it here: History Channel, Netflix, YouTube)

Read a book about world history. Historical Fiction is okay. Look up the historical accuracy after you read.

A History of the World in 6 glasses – Tom Standage

Salt – Mark Kurlansky

The Good Earth – Pearl Buck

Guns, Germs, and Steel and Collapse – Jared Diamond

Shogun – James Clavell

Child 44 and The Secret Speech – Tom Rob Smith

The Source, Poland, Caribbean, or any book by James A. Michener

The Other Boleyn Girl, The Constant Princess or any book by Philippa Gregory

The Pillars of the Earth, World Without End, Column of Fire, Fall of Giants, Winter of the World, Edge of Eternity – Ken Follett

Note: If you have any questions, please come by and see us in our classrooms before the start of summer break.