

AP World History Students for the 2017-2018 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 that work during the summer. Work on the following assignments for 30-45 minutes per day or figure out a system that works for you that gets you to 3-5 hours per week. ***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.

Some of these assignments will be challenging since you are working through A.P. World History curriculum and practice tests for the first time. It is okay to struggle. Again, introducing yourself to world history topics and A.P. style test questions will help you out as the school year progresses.

There are two categories of assignments:

Required – These assignments will be included as part of your 1st or 2nd semester grade. If you do not finish these assignments during the summer, you will need to complete them during the school year. You will get actual due dates from your teacher when you are enrolled in class at the beginning of the school year.

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 recommend completing as many of these assignments as possible during the summer.

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

Required (Assignments 1 – 4)

1. Purchase the 2017 or 2018 Princeton Review: Cracking the AP World History Exam. It is an AP World History Prep Book. The AP World exam was redesigned for the 2016-2017 school year so older books will not prepare you for the new exam.
2. Complete Part I, II, III, IV, and V of the A.P. World History Princeton Review Prep Book
 - Part I – Read (skim)
 - Part II – Complete the multiple-choice portion of Practice Test 1. Check answers and record your score on the Practice Test 1 Answer Key. Read the Practice Test 1 Explanations. Nobody expects you to get many correct.
 - Part III – Read (skim)
 - Part IV – Read (skim)
 - Part V – Read and take notes in the margins of each page. Mark the text by highlighting, underlining, and/or circling main ideas and themes. This is where you will spend the bulk of your time, as it is your introduction to the AP World History curriculum.
 - Part II – Retake Practice Test 1 to see if your score improved after working through Part V.
 - Part VI – You can save Practice Test 2 until later in the school year or take it during the summer. When you do take it, check answers and record score on the Practice Test 2 Answer Key. Read Practice Test 2 Explanations.

3. Naviance: Go to naviance.com. Username – Student ID Number, Password = last 4 digits of your Student ID Number and the day you were born.
 - Complete all Practice Quizzes (7) and all Exams (3) with a 60% or higher
 - i. You will need to get to 60% before this assignment is due in early May. It is okay if you are not able to get to 60% during the summer.
 - There are Lessons available in Naviance that are comparable to the Princeton Review chapters. The Lessons are not required, but they might help you on the quizzes and they will help you increase your knowledge of world history.
4. Choose **one** 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).

Assignment number 4 is required because we know students who supplement what we do in class with one or more of these options have a better chance to earn a higher score on the A.P. exam. They also show a better understanding of the subject throughout the year.

Optional

Watch movies, series, documentaries, or videos about world history. Historical Fiction is okay. Look up the historical accuracy after you watch.

Mankind: the Story of All of Us (You might find it: 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

Note: If you have any questions on how to complete your summer homework, please come by and see us in our classrooms before school lets out for the summer.