

AP World History Summer Assignment

1. Prior to the first day of class, and after picking up your textbook at school, please read chapter 1 – “*The First Civilizations: The peoples of Western Asia and Egypt*,” in your textbook *World History*, Duiker & Spielvogel (5th Ed.). Take thorough notes (Cornell notes will be preferred) and be prepared for a quiz the first day of school.
2. Visit the AP college board site: www.apcentral.collegeboard.com, and explore the World History section, including the useful information concerning the scope and themes of the course, practice questions and exam information. All students are encouraged to obtain a World History AP Exam study/review book such as Barron’s, Princeton Review, Kaplan, etc. during the year to prepare for the AP exam in the spring. You may find it useful to purchase such a review book during the summer to get a head start and prepare for this challenging course and exam.
3. Last, students are assigned to read a book to further enrich and deepen their understanding of the material. You are to choose a book from the bellow list and either purchase it or check it out from the library. You should complete at least half of the book during the Summer and complete a 5 paragraph book review due the first day of school. The 5 paragraph review should include a summary of the main points of 3 chapters and your critical analysis regarding whether you agree with the central points of each chapter. You may choose any of the following books:
 - Diamond, Jared. *Guns, Germs and Steel* .
 - Stearns, Peter. *Cultures in Motion: Mapping Key contact and Their Imprints in World History*.
 - Stearns, Peter. *Gender in World History*.
 - Curtin, Philip. *The World and the West: The European Challenge and the Overseas Response in the Age of Empire*.
 - Kennedy, Paul. *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500-2000*.
 - Pomeranz, Kenneth and Topik, Steven. *The World That Trade Created: Society, Culture, and the World Economy – 1400 to Present*.