

AP World History 2018 Summer Assignment

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AP World History will be perhaps the most challenging course you have ever taken. The most important factors for success in this class are dedication, discipline, and preparation. Everyone who takes this course can be successful if they approach the class with the right mindset. If you believe that you CAN succeed, even though it is challenging and difficult, then you will be able to succeed in this course. The important thing is that you do not give up. This summer assignment will help prepare you to start the course off on the right foot, and is your first test of dedication. Have all the assignments complete by the first day of school. Email either of us with individual questions. If it is a general concern, you can also post in the Facebook Group and I am certain a former student will help answer general questions. I will be unavailable all of June, so utilize the Facebook Group.

READING ASSIGNMENT – (Using reading packet provided)

- CHAPTER 1:** Read Chapter 1 and annotate the chapter. The reading will be difficult for some, so be prepared to have a dictionary handy. You will complete a total of 1 page of notes for this section using the guide provided.
- CHAPTER 2:** Read Chapter 2 and annotate the chapter. You will complete a total of 2 pages of notes for this section using the guide provided.
- SPICE Chart:** Read each explanation of the 5 SPICE themes. Then complete the SPICE Chart by taking notes of major developments in each of the civilizations mentioned in Chapter 2

- ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT:**
- SUPPLEMENTAL READING:** Read and annotate the reading packet PERIOD ONE: Technological and Environmental Transformations. This is an overview of the first unit and it is written in much easier terms to understand. You may want to read this first to have a general idea of what Unit 1 will be about. You will have a Unit 1 Exam in August, so it is crucial you complete all of the assignments.

You will be required to prepare for a quiz upon return in August by reading Chapters 1-2 in the summer reading and the supplemental reading. This amounts to approximately 50 pages. This will be a lot easier than it sounds if you follow the suggested timeline below.

Suggested Timelines (5 pages of reading/1page of notes per day = 10 days OR 10 pages of reading/1 pages of notes per day = 5 Days)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Read and annotate supplemental packet (Work on it for 2 Days, rest for 5)	Complete Chapter 1 assignment (Work on these for 3 days, rest for 4)	Complete Chapter 2 Reading and notes (Work on this for 4 days, rest for 3)	Rest	Rest	Rest Review your notes and SPICE Charts to refresh

A word from your teacher:

Many of you may be scared by now, or feeling overwhelmed. This is a natural feeling as you are beginning to challenge yourself by taking a college-level course. The next few weeks will test your desire to become a college student. In our class, I am the only one of us with a college degree, making me the only one to know what it takes to get through college. Trust in me when I tell you that you have what it takes. Some of you are ready for this class to begin and others will have doubts over the summer. Learn to silence that voice of doubt. Here are words from students who just finished their first year in AP classes. Many of them had thoughts of quitting but learned the most valuable lesson they can learn in school – that when you believe something is possible, and work to put aside the excuses and negative thoughts – you can accomplish any academic goal you strive for. Once you do this, nothing is impossible. If it is important, then you will find a way. If it is not, you will find an excuse.

"I saw many of my friends dropping out of this class and there were times where I felt that dropping out was my only option but then I realized that quitting would not take me any further. What I went through in this course were nights without sleep, stress and absolutely no regrets at the end."

"AP World History has been an incredibly laborious but memorable experience, I believe, for most of us. To start things off, I enrolled in this class to experience a college level course, to obtain credit for college, and to challenge myself. I believe I did as best as I could to maintain a passing grade in this class, and I would like to add that I am satisfied with my performance, for the most part, throughout the year. During my time in the class I experienced various challenges and obstacles, that although sometimes evoked a strong desire to quit, I managed to overcome them. Throughout the year there were rigorous challenges that, with my teacher's aid, were consistent and made me doubt myself, but as I slowly overcame them I managed to gain confidence by the time I took the exam."

"My experience in AP World History has been overall memorable. It exposed me to various obstacles and challenges that were difficult to overcome, but it taught me how to overcome them while also giving me knowledge of history. I am relieved this course is over, and I feel very grateful to have stayed and experienced it. This course of AP history has been a burden and a blessing to most of us, and I hope its impact has changed my classmates' view of the world as it has mine."

"I have felt a huge difference in the way I apply myself to my education ever since I joined APWH. And yes, I have learned so much more in this course about history, I have also learned skills for future classes and things that make me stronger each and every day. In fact, ever since I took this class, other current subjects have become easier to me. AP has taught me how to be more organized, more responsible, helped me on my elaborative, writing, comprehension skills, time management, insight thinking, etc. The point is, that this class has taught me has helped me in any possible way. There is not one thing that I have learned in this class that I have not benefited from or being useless."

"This year has been really hard and has put me one step forward toward my goals going to a college or into a university because at the end, the results that I've have been waiting for will be awaiting me. Although I have struggled so much in this class, I have learned so many things and enjoyed being part of the course and for sure now I know I did and can do even more because I have had no regrets of taking this class."

"At the end of my freshman year I was debating myself into whether I should take the course of AP World History or not. There were so many things telling me to not to take the class such as my brother and former AP students complaining to me about how I wouldn't have a social life because of how much work was involved into the class. Despite all of these discouraging thoughts to take the class, at the end, I decided to take the challenge of taking the course. I decided to do this because, other than it would help my GPA and there was a chance that it could count as a college credit, I knew I would regret not taking the class. Now that the end of this wonderful class came, I realize that I definitely did have a lot of challenges, but I also got to learn new skills that will not only help me in my educational life, but also in my personal life: time management and not giving up."

"This school year has been officially my most challenging year because I have never taken a class as difficult as this one and it was a new challenge for me. Despite what everyone says I believe that all the work and time put into this class is worth it and should always help me in life. I expect more of these challenges to come and I expect to myself to be prepared for it and whatever else comes. Whatever AP class I take next I consider myself ready to take over it and give it my best. I shall always depend on the skills that I have been taught here."

"I have always considered myself as a good person, responsible, dedicated, non quitter or slacker. But I was wrong when I entered the class I was afraid. As weeks passed I said to myself: "I don't want to do this anymore, I can't do this it's just too much." And then I realized it was only the beginning I was barely starting. So, I decided to stay, I don't regret taking this class It had impact me positively. It was extremely challenging for me, but I am glad I stayed."

"I don't regret taking this class even though there was a point in the year where I wanted to quit, I just wanted to sleep all the hours lost doing homework late at night. But, if you don't take challenges and push yourself, you're not going to succeed in life that's why I would like to recommend this class to everyone who has the opportunity to take it."

"In order to elect this AP course, it took a lot of thinking to pick whether I would enroll or not. What I would usually hear from other people was "Its too hard", "you'll regret it", and it was especially harder to choose because I hadn't taken a geography class in freshmen year. Yet, after all, I decided to take the challenge and impress myself and my family. But I must confess that it has been the most difficult class I've ever taken. Yes, they were right, the class was difficult, I sometimes regretted it so much, I sometimes didn't even do my homework, but at the end I do not regret the class. I am so glad that I didn't make the decision of getting out after the first semester."