

AP World History 2017-2018
Summer Assignment
Mr. Shumate and Ms. Howell

Dear Students,

Welcome to Advanced Placement World History (WHAP)! We look forward to a great year with you. Over the course of the next academic year we will study over 15,000 years of human history. This is an exciting and engaging class that will look at big historical trends, trace world civilizations over time, and examine patterns of human interaction. We have designed a summer reading assignment to help everyone become acquainted with the unique skills necessary to be successful in WHAP. This assignment will be incorporated into our first unit of study that begins with the emergence of the modern human species and takes us through the development of agriculture and the emergence of the world's first civilizations. The required reading will provide you with a unique look at how agriculture forever shaped the way humans live and interact. Please do not be afraid of making mistakes on the summer assignment. You are not expected to be an expert from the start. Complete the assignment to the best of your ability and be prepared to share your responses and engage in discussion with your classmates.

Feel free to contact us at any time with any questions you may have about the assignment or the course in general. We can be reached at jhowell2@lexington1.net or dshumate@lexington1.net. We congratulate you on challenging yourself by enrolling in AP World History and look forward to working with each of you in the upcoming year. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!!!

Best of luck,
Ms. Howell and Mr. Shumate

Assignment Description

Learning Target: I can evaluate the long-term impact of the development of agriculture on the human species.

Task: Read a book, think critically about history, and collect your thoughts in a reading journal.

You are to read the book, *An Edible History of Humanity* by Tom Standage. The ISBN number is 978-0-8027-1991-1. You will need to obtain a copy of the book. We suggest purchasing your own copy so that you can highlight and annotate the pages; however, you are free to check your local libraries for copies. You should be able to find a paperback copy of the book for \$16.00 or under at a bookstore, or you can find a used copy for much less on Amazon.com. Please let us know immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the book.

While reading, you will complete a triple entry journal. For each chapter, you should identify the author's main idea and write it in your own words in the first column. After identifying the main idea, you will need to provide at least two quotes per chapter that you find interesting and related to the author's argument. Please provide the page number for each quote. In the final column you should elaborate on each quote. This column should be very reflective and therefor mimic the thoughts you have while reading. Some suggestions for topics to elaborate on are as follows: Does the author effectively use this information to prove his point? Does this remind you of other points made in the book? Do you disagree with the author? Do you have further questions after reading this portion of the book?

Your journal reflections do not need to be extremely lengthy. A few sentences are fine as long as you are clearly making your point and showing deep thought and reflection. You are free to type or handwrite your responses, however, we ask that you stick to one method and be sure to format correctly. Please use PEN if you decide to handwrite responses. **All work must be your own. Do not copy content from the internet or another student. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.** The format for your journal should be as follows:

Chapter Number and Main Idea	Quote (as it appears in the text)	Your interpretation (comment, question, connection made, analysis)
Chapter 1 Main Idea: (write main idea here)	1. Page 15: "Today we would say that the abandonment of hunting and gathering, the domestication of plants and animals, and the adoption of a settled lifestyle based on farming put mankind on the road to the modern world, and that those earliest farmers were the first modern, "civilized" humans." 2. Write quote here	1. Standage makes an interesting assumption here. Does agriculture really define civilization? Sure, the development of agriculture put humans on a path towards becoming sedentary, but would those early farmers really be characterized as civilized? They lacked record keeping, political structures, advanced job specialization, and many other aspects that are normally considered "civilized." What then, is civilization? 2. Write interpretation here
Chapter 2 Main Idea: (write main idea here)	1. 2.	1. 2.
Continue formatting subsequent chapters as indicated above.		

Your journal is due in class on **Friday, September 1, 2017**. The grading rubric for your journal is below. We will also be engaging in a Socratic seminar based on the book within the first few weeks of school.

Category	Points Possible	Points Received/Comments
Main Idea Statements: - An accurate main idea statement is presented for each chapter of the book (12 total) -Main idea statements are in student's own words -Main idea statements are specific and thorough	15	
Quotations: -At least 24 quotes are presented -Quotes appear exactly as they appear in the book -Quotes are chosen deliberately in connection with the author's main ideas -Page numbers are provided for each quote	25	
Interpretations: - Reflections are present for each quote - Reflections are thoughtful and relevant to the quote -Reflections go beyond summarization and offer original insight - Reflections demonstrate high quality work (thought-provoking, analytical, diverse thinking)	50	
Excellence: - Work demonstrates excellence by following the correct format, being typed or neatly written in pen, and is presented professionally.	10	
Total Points:	100	

Your Signature below indicates:

I have been given the summer assignment for AP World History. I know I can access it on the school website. If I need another hard copy of the assignment, I will request the copies from the teacher before the end of the school year. If I have questions about the assignment, I will email the teacher at jhowell2@lexington1.net.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____