

AP World History: Modern Summer Reading

All incoming students enrolled in AP World History: Modern must complete the summer reading assignment. You are welcome to read the book in whatever format you prefer. Within the first 3 weeks of school we will have an assessment over the book. This will be the first major grade for the course.

Our summer reading book:

A History of the World in 6 Glasses

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Walker Publishing Company; Annotated edition (May 16, 2006)

Paperback : 336 pages

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Assessment:

You will take a 20 question multiple-choice test that also includes 3 free-response questions.

Recommended approaches to the summer reading:

- You are encouraged to take notes over the reading. I will allow you to use your notes on this first test.
 - Your notes should focus on the broad developments occurring during the various periods of human history and how these different commodities reflect these developments.
- Start on your reading early on. While this is an enjoyable read and it flows remarkably well, it does cover the last 8,000 years of human history. This is a considerable amount of information and it will be difficult to be successful if you procrastinate.
- Make sure to read for comprehension of the text. Your assessment will test your overall understanding of the text and your ability to apply to the principles discussed. Reading without fully understanding the text is not a good use of your time.