

AP World History: Modern
Summer Assignment 2022

Overview

Welcome to AP World History: Modern. The course will cover all regions of the world from roughly AD 1200 to the present. As some of you may already know, there will be an intense amount of reading and writing in the course, since it is designed to be at a University level. With the right approach and preparation, this should not be too much of a problem for an interested and engaged student. We will go further into the structure of the course during the first week of class.

The intention behind your summer assignment is twofold:

1. To give you a general overview of some of the important themes & ideas in World History prior to AD 1200, you will read an introductory chapter from an AP World History textbook. You will also go over the course framework established by College Board.
2. To give you some practice in identifying specific arguments & how they connect to larger concepts, you will read parts of a popular history about beverages.
 - Standage, Tom. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2006.

Instructions for the General Overview

1. Read the accompanying PDF “Before 1200: Patterns in World History.” Define the Key Terms found at the end of the reading (Chapter Review) and answer the “Big Picture Questions.” You will submit your work during the first week of school, either on Canvas or on paper.
2. Take a look at the Course and Exam Description for AP World History: Modern, found [here](#).
 - a. Read over the Course Framework (pgs. 11-25).
 - b. Read over the Exam Information (pgs. 195-200) if this is your first AP Course.
3. Familiarize yourself with the geography of the world. There are 5 major geographical regions in AP World, which can be found on page 31 of the Course and Exam Description. Those 5 regions are then broken down into more specific areas.

Instructions for *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*

1. Read the Introduction, Chapters 3-6, & the Epilogue. Answer the following questions for each section. Answers can be in full sentences or in bullet points. You will submit your answers on Canvas during the first week of school, either on Canvas or on paper. We will also discuss the books in further depth during the first week.
 - Introduction
 - What makes Standage’s approach to history different or unique?
 - Why might his approach be useful for an AP History course?
 - Chapter 3—“Coffee in the Age of Reason”
 - What are the origins of coffee?
 - How did global networks contribute to its popularity & availability?
 - Were there different reactions to coffee & its use?
 - What changes were spurred on by coffee?
 - Chapter 4—“Tea and the British Empire”
 - What are the origins of tea?
 - How was its consumption tied to the various cultures of Asia?
 - How did tea become popular outside of Asia?
 - In what ways did tea become enmeshed in political issues?
 - Chapter 5—“Coca-Cola & the Rise of America”
 - What were the initial uses for soda water?
 - What was the initial market for Coca-Cola?
 - Why is Coca-Cola associated with globalization?
 - Epilogue—“Back to the Source”
 - Why has water become a world issue in the 21st Century?

If there are any questions or issues, please email me at anardini@msjacad.org. I will be checking my email regularly throughout the summer.