

AP WORLD HISTORY NEWS

Summer Homework

Welcome

Well done on taking-up the challenge of an intro level college course! Most things in life that are difficult are often the most rewarding. Be proud and try your best this year.

Summer Homework Rationale

The purpose of the summer homework for AP World History: Modern, is to get you familiar with College Board, AP World's course design, important testing info, and expectations for the road ahead.

A Quick Summer Homework Checklist

1. Visit <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
2. Answer the questions from "Getting Familiar with AP World" on the next page. A quiz upon return...
3. Write an essay.

** Both the quiz and essay will be due the 2nd day of school.*



Course Overview

College Board: "In this course you will study the cultural, economic, political, and social developments that have shaped the world from c. 1200 CE to the present. You'll analyze texts, visual sources, and other historical evidence and write essays expressing historical arguments."

Me: We will learn about world history from about 1200 to the present by analyzing like, studying like, and writing like, talking like, and using the tools like a real historian does. Along the way we will have some fun; and, maybe even earn some college credits too!





What You Need For This Course and Additional Info

1. A Three-ring binder (about 2 inches)
2. A sturdy folder
3. Pens, pencils, & highlighters

You will eventually make a College Board account when we start school. Many things will be done through their website (exam registration, registration fees, etc) throughout the year. Get familiar with it now, but do not make an account yet.

Lastly, a few thoughts to ponder from the legendary John Wooden:

"You can never make up for a lost day. Don't think you can make up for it by working twice as hard tomorrow. If you have it within your power to work twice as hard, why aren't you doing it now?"

"Stay the course. When thwarted, try again, harder, smarter. Persevere relentlessly."

Getting Familiar with AP World

1. After going to the College Board's website, navigate around until you find the AP World History: Modern's "Course and Exam Description" page. Bookmark this page on your device.
2. What are the six "Historical Thinking Skills" you will be practicing throughout this course?
3. What are the three "Reasoning Processes" you will be applying throughout this course?
4. How many units is the course broken into? Names of them?
5. What are the four time periods the course is broken into?
6. The exam has two sections; but, there are four different types of questions you will have to answer on the exam, what are their names? How much time do you have for each type of question? Total exam time?
7. What are the six themes of this course? In your own words, what is a theme?
8. Lastly, type and double-space an original essay. I need a baseline understanding what *you* think a solid, argumentative and historical essay looks like as we start the course. Just try your best to answer one of the following prompts this summer:
 - To what extent has social media changed your life?
 - To what extent does the fish fly effected life around Anchor Bay?
 - To what extent is high school and middle school similar?

** Pro Tips: Make an argument from the prompt. Use specific evidence to support your argument. Four to five paragraphs.*

