

Dear Students,

I am thrilled that you chose to challenge yourself by enrolling in AP World History! Over the course of the next school year, we will analyze the story of humanity from about 1200 C.E. up until the present day. Our exploration of the journey of mankind begins with the Summer Assignment. Some parts of this assignment review concepts and content that you learned in your sixth-grade social studies class. The strategies you will be asked to use throughout this assignment, however, are designed to help you think about those concepts on a much deeper level. The **purpose of the assignment**, therefore, is to emphasize the requisite skills and depth of knowledge for students to ensure that all students begin the year prepared for the challenges of this course.

The summer assignment is divided into 3 sections (Geography, Islam, and Source Analysis), with 2 - 3 activities to complete within each section. Each activity, along with accompanying resources, has been posted on the AP World History Summer 2025 course in Schoology. If you are enrolled in the AP World History Course, you should already have access to this Schoology page. If you are unable to access the course in Schoology, you should contact me immediately via email or through ParentSquare. The entire summer assignment is **due on Wednesday, September 3, 2025**, though you may submit each activity individually as you complete it. Students who complete and submit any activities by Wednesday, August 13th may earn extra credit. The assignment will be graded as a supportive assessment. A minor assessment will be given in class mid-late September based on this material.

Please **do not wait** to work on your summer assignment until the last night of summer! I recommend, instead, that you devote one day per week (preferably the same day and time) to completing at least one of the required activities. Submit each activity as you complete it. This way, it will not feel like as much work and you can get yourself into a routine.

I fully understand how anxious many of you are beginning your high school career and taking your very first Advanced Placement course. While the work will be challenging, it is not impossible. For the past four years, every student that signed up for the course not only survived, but many scored well above the national average on the AP examination. My ultimate goal is to not only make this an exciting journey, but to help each and every one of you earn the highest score possible on the AP exam. You can always reach me via email, by text (through ParentSquare), or through the "Summer Chat" I created in Schoology. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Warmest Regards,

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