

**Dear Future AP World History Student:**

Congratulations on choosing AP World History. AP World History is a college level course that you will find to be both interesting and challenging. At the end of the year, when you take the national AP Exam, you have the opportunity to earn college credit if you pass the exam with a 3 or better, with many schools requiring a 4 or better.

AP World History is a rigorous course of study that attempts to build a comprehensive understanding of historical processes through not only intensive reading and writing, but through the development of complex analytical skills. We will be using a *college-level* text, so naturally a *strong* reading background is required. This is a serious commitment. While ultimately a rewarding experience, you should be prepared to spend a considerable amount of time and effort developing the skills necessary to be successful in this course.

This course is taught primarily using the Harkness method - discussion based learning based on assigned readings.

**Here is your summer assignments: Due August 15, 2018**

**Mapping Exercise & Research Essay**

- Map #1 - Study the map labeled with specific regions of the world. You will need to understand the location of these regions of the world at the beginning of school. *Add Oceania to the regions. On the first day of school, you will take a short quiz based on your knowledge of the regions of study.*
- Map #2 - Use the unlabeled map to label Oceans, Seas, Bays, lakes (color them blue) indicate regions that overlap. Rivers (draw them in dark blue)
- Map #3 - Map #3: Label & color Deserts (yellow) and Mountains (Brown)
- Research Essay - research one of the areas (regions), of your choosing, and find a people group, empire, or religion that once flourished in the area from 600 CE - 1450 CE). Include the reason(s) why it may have flourished (due to trade, waterways, etc), what led to decline or how did it change, grow, over time. Include other details you find interesting. Written limit is two pages. It should include a thesis - be concise, give facts backed with examples. Looking forward to reading what you decide to research!

1. Atlantic Ocean
2. Pacific Ocean
3. Indian Ocean
4. Arctic Ocean
5. North Sea
6. Norwegian Sea
7. Barents Sea
8. Mediterranean Sea
9. Adriatic Sea
10. Aegean Sea
11. Black Sea

1. Nile River
2. Ganges River
3. Tigris
4. Amazon River
5. Indus River
6. Yellow River (Huang He)
7. Yangtze River
8. Rio Grande River
9. Euphrates
10. Mississippi River
11. Irrawaddy River

12. Caspian Sea
13. Red Sea
14. Persian Gulf
15. Arabian Sea
16. Bay of Bengal
17. South China Sea
18. East China Sea
19. Yellow Sea
20. Sea of Japan
21. Great Lakes
22. English Channel
23. Baltic Sea

12. Mekong River
13. Congo River
14. Danube River

1. Gobi Desert
2. Kalahari Desert
3. Sahara Desert
4. Thar Desert
5. Sierra Madre Desert
6. Mojave Desert
7. Namib Desert
8. Syrian Desert

1. Alaska Range
2. Rocky Mountains
3. Appalachian Mtns
4. Andes Mountains
5. Alps
6. Atlas Mountains
7. Ural Mountains
8. Hindu Kush
9. Himalaya Mtns

MAP 1

AP World History: World Regions — A Closer Look





