

AP World History Summer Reading Assignment Sophomores 2016-2017

Dear Future WHAP student,

The summer is an important time. You should be spending it with family, with friends, having fun, and un-plugging from devices and from your daily homework routine.

In addition, I would like you to complete two simple tasks related to your success in World History AP next year.

First, there is a book that you need to read. The title of the book is *The History of the World in 6 Glasses*. The author is Tom Standage. You may buy (or check out from the library) this book in any format: paper, kindle, etc. Your task is fairly simple. Read the book, and as you read take a few notes on each of the six drinks: beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and cola. I repeat, take a **few simple notes** on how, when, where, and why each beverage developed. Do not take pages and pages of notes. Enjoy the reading! In the first week back, we will do a bit of writing on the book. You will be able to use your notes.

Second, I would love for you to watch several crash course world history videos. They move quickly, so watch each one two or three times. The ones you should watch are Crash Course World History #1, #2, and #3.

1. The Agricultural Revolution: Crash Course World History #1
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yocja_N5s1I&list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9&index=1
2. Indus Valley Civilization: Crash Course World History #2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ndRwqJYDM&list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9&index=2>
3. Mesopotamia: Crash Course World History #3
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sohXPx_XZ6Y&index=3&list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9

Hopefully, that does not feel overwhelming. I really do want you to enjoy your summer and take a break. The WHAP course is trying and long, like sprinting a marathon, so you need to have a safe and restful and meditative summer break before starting your fabulous sophomore year!

Best wishes,

Dr. Schmoll