

AP World History Summer Assignment

- The following items must be completed. You will be graded on completion and neatness.
- This assignment is due on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**.
- Follow the format specified in Part I and II. Failure to do so will result in the loss of points.
- **This assignment must be handwritten.**

Part I: AP World History Themes

- As opposed to attempting to look at all of the details of World History, AP World History takes a broad, thematic approach to history. Listed below are the themes of the course sorted by topic.

Political	Economic	Cultural	Ecological
War Diplomacy International organization Political Identity Revolution Self-determinism Imperialism Nationalism	Long Distance Trade Technology Manufacturing Agriculture Labor Systems Economic systems	Weaponry Social structure Gender structure Cultural diffusion Cultural Synthesis Westernization Rejection of Westernization	Demography Disease diffusion Migrations Flora Diffusion Fauna Diffusion

Assignment:

- a) Define what the theme means as related to the course
- b) Provide a historical example of the theme.

Format your answers based upon the following example:

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1. Flora Diffusion

- a) Definition - The spread of plants to locations of the world other than where they originated.
- b) Example – Following their arrival in Peru, the Spanish took potatoes back to the Spain and it later became a staple of the world diet

PART II: TERMS AND QUESTIONS

- Terms
 - Define the following terms and provide their significance. Significance is defined as why the term is important.
 - Format should be as follows

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1. Term

- a) Definition
- b) Significance

1. Slash and burn agriculture:
2. Civilization:
3. Paleolithic:
4. Neolithic:
5. Prehistoric:
6. Nomads:

7. Culture:
8. Homo sapiens:
9. Neanderthals:
10. Band:
11. Natufian complex:
12. Matrilineal:
13. Patrilineal
14. Pastoralism:
15. Çatal Huyuk:
16. Sumerians:
17. Akkadians
18. Babylonians:
19. Ideographic symbols
20. cuneiform:
21. city-state:
22. Tigris Euphrates Civilization:
23. Indus River Civilization
24. Nile Valley Civilization
25. Huang He Civilization
26. Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro
27. Phoenicians
28. Qin Shi Huangdi
29. Polytheism
30. monotheism

Questions: To be answered in complete answers.

1. What is a civilization?
2. List the characteristics of a hunting a gathering civilization.
3. Contrast gender roles in nomadic societies to that of civilizations.
4. What were the key developments of the Neolithic Revolution?
5. Describe the Bronze Age
6. Describe the Minoan civilization.
7. Describe the Mycenaean civilization
8. Who was Hammurabi and what was his contribution to world history?

Part III

Read one of the following:

- 1) In the Wake of the Plague by Norman F. Cantor (ISBN 0060014342)
- 2) 1421 by Gavin Menzies (ISBN 006054094X)
- 3) Salt by Mark Kuniansky (ISBN 0142001619)
- 4) Gunpowder by Jack Kelly (ISBN 0465037224)
- 5) Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World by Jack Weatherford (ISBN 0609809644)

These books are all excellent. If you would like to know which I prefer, email me. You will be assessed based upon the book you have read upon your return to school.

Part IV (general info)

- Provide Mr. Needle with an email address that will be functional for you over the summer. Come to his room #2314. There
- **Do not plagiarize. This includes copying info from other students or the internet. If you plagiarize, you have then earned a ZERO on this assignment that is worth roughly 10% of your grade which can prevent you from getting an A. Mr. Needle is quite proficient at catching those who choose to cheat.**