



Advanced Placement World History Modern Course Description and Summer Work

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Congratulations on being accepted into Advanced Placement World History Modern! This letter will detail the course design, AP World History Modern Exam, and summer work. There are several things to remember about AP courses taught at Central High School, including:

- All students are required to complete an AP Contract with the district that will be given at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Per the contract, all students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP tests in May and pay the corresponding fees. Also, once the AP Contract is signed, a student cannot be removed from the class.
- Summer work is required and due on the first day of school. Quizzes and tests will take place during the first week of school over the summer work.
- Cheating in any form in this class will not be tolerated, which includes inappropriate usage of the internet, plagiarism, and copying other student's work. More information about cheating and Central's policies are attached in a separate parent letter.
- AP courses are rigorous and highly demanding. You will be expected to keep up and be self-motivated. You must be ready to shoulder the work, because ultimately, it is your effort that will determine your success.

COURSE DESIGN: Advanced Placement World History Modern is a college level course structured around the investigation of five time periods and nine thematic units within those time periods. All Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes at Central are required to take and pay for the timed AP Exam offered in May, as scheduled by the College Board, the governing body of Advanced Placement courses.

The AP World History Modern Exam includes a 55 stimulus based multiple choice section, your choice of 3 short answer questions from 4 that require written responses, a Document Based Essay Question and a general topic Essay Question. The Exam is 3 hours and 5 minutes long and includes both the 55 minute multiple choice section and a 130 minute free response section. The multiple choice section of exam accounts for 40% of exam grade and the free response section for 60%. The exam cost around \$95 per exam. Fee waivers do apply for those students who qualify.

CLASS MATERIALS: You are provided the AP textbook Ways of the World by Robert Stayer. You must provide a 2 inch binder with 6 dividers and lots of paper. **The binder must be set up and organized on your first day of class as follows:**

Tab 1 – Foundations (Period Zero)
Tab 2 – Period One
Tab 3 – Period Two

Tab 4 – Period Three
Tab 5 – Period Four
Tab 6 – Essays/Maps/Reviews

SATURDAY REVIEW SESSIONS: In April, a mock AP Exam will be administered on a Saturday morning. There will be two Saturdays offered to accommodate schedules and students are required to attend at least one of the two sessions offered. Other review sessions during and after school hours will be offered as well in preparation for the exam.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: These maps should be organized in the following order, and turned in on the first day of school in a folder with your name on it.

1. Maps: You will have a map test on the following 3 maps assignments in the first week of school. Please print off the provided map and label the following features on 3 different maps. Make sure to label each map with its assignment number, as indicated below. **Please make these are neat and organized as possible. We use them all year long.**

Map Assignment #1: Continents and Bodies of Water

- 1.) All 7 continents
- 2.) Oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian
- 3.) Seas: Mediterranean, North, Black, Caspian, Arabian, Red, Baltic, Caribbean
- 4.) Other Bodies of Water: Persian Gulf, Bay of Bengal, Hudson Bay, Gulf of Mexico

Map Assignment #2: Continents, Mountains and Rivers

- 1.) All 7 continents
- 2.) Mountains: Ural, Caucasus, Alps, Himalayas, Hindu Kush, Cascades, Andes
- 3.) Rivers: Mississippi, Columbia, Amazon, Niger, Nile, Indus, Tigris, Euphrates, Yellow, Volga, Danube

Map Assignment #3: AP World Regions Maps

- 1.) All AP World Regions – use the one found at apworldbuford.pbworks.com

2. History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage: You are to read History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage. This is an easily accessible book that is available at public libraries in Memphis and bookstores. There will be a multiple choice quiz over the book during the first week of school. Attached are some questions that will guide your reading and help to prepare you for the quiz. These questions are optional, but again, will prepare you to succeed on the quiz.

I can be reached at cooperhh@scsk12.org for any questions or concerns. During summer months I might take a week to respond due to breaks and traveling, but I will respond. Again, congratulations and welcome to AP World History Modern!

Sincerely,
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