

AP World History: Modern (1200-Present)

Summer Reading Assignment

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This class will be one of the most interesting and academically challenging classes you will take in high school. In this class, you will learn skills that will benefit you in your academic future. The time period covered in class is from 1200 AD to the present day. There is a significant amount of history that is not required to be taught by College Board. The objective of your summer reading assignment is to familiarize yourself with the information prior to 1200 AD. You will have a summer reading test when you return to school.

Assignment #1

Purchase *AMSCO World History: Modern [1200-Present]* (ISBN 978-1-5311-2916-3) from the CCA Bookstore. This will be the same textbook required for class. Read the prologue (xli-lxi) Take notes on your reading.

Assignment #2

Choose two of the prompts provided and write a one-page response for each. Your response should be in MLA format.

1. Describe the similarities and differences of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.
2. Describe the differences between centralized and decentralized civilizations and give an example of each.
3. Analyze at least three causes for the decline of Classical civilizations.
4. Explain how trade networks caused Islam and Buddhism to spread.
5. Identify a continuity that kept southern India unified despite disruptions after the fall of the Gupta Empire.
6. Identify and explain one new historical development after 600 AD.