

## **AP World History: Modern (WHAP)**

### **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 the skills that will benefit you in your academic future. The time period covered in class is from 1200 C.E. to the present. The objective of your summer reading assignment is to familiarize yourself with the information PRIOR to 1200 C.E. 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). 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 to each. Your response should be typed in MLA format and will be uploaded to Turnitin during the first week of school.

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 C.E.

If you have questions about this assignment, please feel free to email me at [jreiney@ccajax.org](mailto:jreiney@ccajax.org)

Sincerely,

Mr. Reiney