

2014-2015 School Year

Dear Parents and students,

AP World History is the study of the world's history from the beginning of man through the modern era and it is broken up into 6 periods that we study throughout the year. Students are prepared for the AP exam in May. Students who enroll in AP World History are expected to register for and take the AP exam.

AP World History is a very challenging course. Students will not only be responsible for learning about history but they will also have to be able to analyze historical documents and write essays about history analytically and spend time studying for in-class exams and the AP exam. The AP World History exam is comprised of 70 multiple choice questions and 3 essays; *the Document Based Question, the Change and Continuity Over Time question, and the Comparative question*. The students will be writing several timed essays during the year to prepare for the AP World History exam (essays are exam grades). All in-class multiple choice tests will also be timed.

Students will have weekly Cornell notes due no later than Fridays by 11:59 PM through blackboard (Cornell notes can be turned in earlier than Friday; it is highly recommended that students not wait and turn in their notes as soon as possible). Students will not have Cornell notes due on major holidays; see Cornell schedule. **Late work is not accepted.** Students will have in class assignments; **if the assignments are not completed in class students will need to complete them on their own time (Cornell notes and assignments are 30% of a student's grade)**. Students will also complete timelines that are an important part of their AP World History grade. All students that enroll in AP World History will have a summer assignment: to complete Cornell notes for chapters 1-6 of the AP World History textbook (see sample Cornell notes). Students will have a test on chapter 1-6 during the 1st three week grading period.

To be successful in World History AP students must study for exams, complete and turn in assignments on time, and make use of any tutorial offered when needed.

Cheating during tests or on assignments is unacceptable and students will receive a zero for the assignment/essay/test.

Please see the attached materials.

Sincerely,

Leticia S. de Castillo
World History AP Teacher

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World History AP Teacher

World History AP

Student Name (Printed, first and last)

We are aware of the following:

- WHAP students will have weekly Cornell notes due every Friday by 11:59 PM, although it can be turned in earlier, through blackboard (no more than a 40% plagiarism rate, anything above that is a 0).
- No late work will be accepted (unless there are extenuating circumstances such as illness, bereavement, etc., **competition, clubs, outside activities etc**, are **NOT** extenuating circumstances); all work/assignments must be turned in on time.
- Any assignments not completed in class are to be completed on student's own time.
- All necessary materials (notebooks, pens, textbook, etc.) are to be brought to class every class meeting.
- Students are to be on their best behavior at all times; they must be respectful towards the teacher and towards their fellow students.
- Zeros are earned for any cheating on tests/assignments/essays/activities.
- All AP World History students are expected to attend a mock AP Exam for World History on a Saturday in mid-April (date TBD).

I have reviewed the information given with my student.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

WORLD HISTORY AP Supply List

- Notebook – at least 9” X 11”, anything smaller will not work (a five subject is preferred, if not students may need more than one notebook).
- Glue Sticks (3 or more)
- Highlighters (at least 2)
- 2 Packs of blue or black ink pens
- 1 Pack of Self-stick removable notes (like post it notes) in the 3X5 size
- AP World History Study Guide (purchased by student). It can be from Kaplan, Strive for A five, Princeton Review, etc. All students need to have at least one study guide for World History AP.

- **ONE of the following:**
1 box of tissue, 1 paper towel roll, or 1 hand sanitizer (for community classroom use)