

2018 Summer Assignment for AP World History

Part I: Please read Guns, Germs and Steel: The fates of Human Societies, by Jared Diamond.

You are encouraged to read the entire book but you **are required to** read the following chapters:

Prologue: Yali's Question

Ch. 1: Up to the Starting Line

Ch. 2: A Natural Experiment of History

Ch.3: Collision at Cajamarca

Ch. 4: Farmer Power

Ch.5: History's Haves and Have-Nots

Ch. 6: To Farm or Not to Farm

Ch. 9: Zebras, Unhappy Marriages, and the Anna Karenina Principle

Ch. 10: Spacious Skies and Titled Axes

Ch. 11: Lethal Gift of Livestock

Ch. 12: Blueprints and Borrowed Letters

Ch. 13: Necessity's Mother

Ch. 14: From Egalitarianism to Kleptocracy

After reading the book, please write a two page double-spaced response in which you discuss how guns, germs and steel changed human history. In your opinion, which of these three (guns, germs and steel) had the greatest influence on the course of human history? Please make sure to support your answer with details from the book.

Part II: The textbook we will be using this year is the 3rd edition for the AP course of Robert Strayer's "Ways of the World with Sources for AP* 3rd edition & LaunchPad for HS Ways of the World (One Year Access) 3rd edition" published by Bedford/St.Martin's Press. The ISBN for 1 Year LaunchPad Access + Print Text is 9781319077709.

You may find the reading here:

World History:

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Please read the Prologue and Chapter 1, pp.3-47 and write a two page double-spaced essay that answers the following question:

1. The Agricultural Revolution marked a decisive and progressive turning point in human history. What evidence might you offer to support this claim, and how might you argue against it?

Please read Chapter 2, First Civilizations: Cities, States and Unequal Societies, 3500 B.C.E.-600 B.C.E. pp.59-95 and write a two page essay that answers the following question:

1. “Civilizations were held together largely by force”. Do you agree with this assessment or were there other mechanisms of integration as well?

Please read pp.97-114 and write a two page essay that answers the following question:

1. How did Persian and Greek civilizations differ in their political organization and values?

NOTE: *Each essay must feature an introduction with a strong thesis statement followed by at least four paragraphs that contain numerous facts and details that support your thesis statement.*