

# AP World History Summer Assignment



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# Summer Syllabus

## Advanced Placement World History

Welcome to Advanced Placement World History! I am very excited about the year ahead of us. The entire history of the world can seem daunting; however, it will be interesting and invaluable knowledge as adults. Its teachings are essential for understanding today's successes and failures. You are with me because you have set your sights high and are willing to work. The key to success in AP is simply to do the required work and to spend time reviewing for your tests. We are covering the Units (9) of a college level textbook; therefore, we are getting a head start this summer.

The AMSCO Advanced History World History: Modern textbook required to complete the Summer Syllabus aligns directly with college board expectations. It organizes these expectations in a shortened, focused experience. It is preferred that you purchase the live textbook to complete your assignments. The following link will direct you to the website where you can purchase your textbook:

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/world-history-ap-exam.html>

If you are not able to purchase the required textbook, please contact me via email so we may seek an alternate option.

### Course Assignment:

This summer you are required to complete Unit 1 of the textbook. The "Reflect on the Topic Essential Questions" at the end of each section will be your responsibility to answer **in paragraph form**. Your answers will be submitted right to the Google Form website. This assignment will be completed entirely online and officially due on the first day of class. Should you have any questions or trouble opening the provided links, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

To complete the assignment, please submit your answer(s) for each section via the Google Form link(s). To assist you in answering the questions related textbook video links have been provided. The textbook question, Google Form link, and related video are as follows:

- (1.1) Explain how developments in China and other parts of East Asia reflect continuity, innovation and diversity (1200-1450 CE)
  - [Heimler Unit 1.1 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.1](#)
- (1.2) Explain how Islamic states arose and how major religious systems shaped society in the periods between 1200-1450 CE
  - [Heimler Unit 1.2 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.2](#)
- (1.3) Explain how various beliefs and practices in South and Southeast Asia affected society and the development of states
  - [Heimler Unit 1.3 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.3](#)
- (1.4) Identify the states that developed in the Americas and explain how they changed over time
  - [Heimler Unit 1.4 & 1.5 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.4](#)

- (1.5) Explain how and why states developed in Africa and changed over time
  - [Heimler Unit 1.4 & 1.5 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.5](#)
- (1.6) Explain how the beliefs and practices of the predominant religious, agricultural practices, and political decentralization affected European society from 1200-1450 CE
  - [Heimler Unit 1.6 Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.6](#)
- (1.7) Explain the similarities and differences in the process of state-building in various parts of the world between 1200-1450 CE
  - [Heimler Unit 1 Review Video](#)
  - [Google Form Assignment Unit 1.7](#)

### Grading Criteria:

In this course, your grade will be composed of homework assignments, essays, outlines, projects, and of course tests. Quizzes are not curved; however, most tests are curved a small amount. The final grade for Advanced Placement World History is also weighted. You will be receiving an additional (.5) value on a 13-point scale. For example, if you receive an A- (3.7) in this class for this semester, a (4.2) will be averaged into your grade-point average. The extra boost helps to compensate for the extra work and difficulty of the class.