

North Paulding AP World History Summer Reading Assignment **Summative Assignment Due Tuesday, August 4th**

Step 1: Read the book A History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage. This book looks at the history of the world through the lens of the beverages people drink. These include beer, wine, spirit, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola. **The use of this book in no way represents any endorsement by Mr. Hanft, North Paulding High School, or the Paulding County School District of the use or misuse of any of these beverages.** The book merely offers an innovative way to look at some of the most important topics we will discuss throughout the year.

Step 2: Answer the questions on Page 2 as you read. Please answer each question thoroughly and completely. I recommend answering the questions in a word document so you can add to them as you go. You can find this document on my website if you would like to use it. These questions will count for 50% of the overall grade and they are **due on Tuesday, August 4th**, the second day of school. You must turn in a typed hardcopy; do not email them to me or expect to be able to print them out in class. If necessary, the library has printers that you can use.

Step 3: Take notes over the book in preparation for an essay to be written during the first week of class. The topic of the essay will be the continuity and change over time in the use, importance, and diffusion of these various drinks throughout history. While the questions are a first step to writing this essay, your notes should be more in depth and focused on this topic. Be sure to make note of textual evidence to support your ideas. We will discuss the rubric and requirements for this essay in class before writing. This type of essay, called the CCoT, is one of the three types of essays that will appear on the AP Exam at the end of the year, so it is very important. This essay will count for 50% of the overall grade.

Caveat Emptor (Latin for Buyer Beware): While there are numerous websites out there with multitudes of information about this book, there is no substitute for doing the work yourself. This assignment is designed to support and enrich your understanding of some of the complex topics we will be covering this year.

Furthermore, any evidence of the use of outside sources for this assignment, including students working too closely together, will be considered cheating. It will result in a write up and a 0 on the assignment. Since this is a summative assignment, one 0 can devastate your grade for the semester.

As your first major assignment, this represents your approach to the class. Please make sure your work is original, scholarly, and supported by evidence whenever possible. In this course, you will be expected to approach everything with academic excellence and integrity. This is your first chance to show me what you are capable of.

Beer:

1. How was the discovery of beer linked to the emergence of the first ‘civilizations’?
2. What role did beer play in the technology of plant domestication?
3. What sources does Standage use for these ancient times?
4. What were some of the uses for beer in ancient cultures? Who used it and for what?
5. How did beer civilize man, according to Standage?
6. Explain the relationship between beer and writing, commerce, and health. How did beer affect the development of each?
7. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to beer?

Wine:

1. How did the use of wine differ from that of beer in ancient Greece and Rome?
2. What did drinking wine symbolize in ancient Greece? Rome?
3. How was wine consumed? Is this similar or different from beer consumption in Mesopotamia?
4. How did the use of wine in Roman culture differ from that of the ancient Greeks?
5. What role did social classes play in the use of wine?
6. Why do Christians drink wine and Muslims do not?
7. Explain the relationship between wine and empire, medicine, and religion. How did wine affect the development of each?
8. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to wine?

Spirits:

1. What are spirits?
2. From which advanced civilization did Europeans get the science of making spirits?
3. In what ways was the discovery and use of distillation important to the rebirth of science in Europe?
4. Why were spirits an important staple in Colonial America? How did spirits help build America?
5. What was the role of spirits in the American Revolution? Do you agree with Standage that they were more important than tea?
6. What were the negative effects/ uses of spirits?
7. Explain the relationship between spirits and colonization, naval power, and revolution. How did spirits affect the development of each?
8. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to spirits?

Coffee:

1. Who did Europeans get coffee from and how did it spread to Europe?
2. What was the significance of people changing from alcohol to coffee?
3. Describe coffee’s effect on the global balance of power in terms of commerce. (Be thorough here!)
4. What was the ‘financial revolution’ that Standage discusses?
5. Explain the relationship between coffee and the Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, banking, and finance. How did coffee affect the development of each?
6. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to coffee?

Tea:

1. When did tea first become a mainstream drink in Asia? Europe?
2. How did the consumption of tea in Europe differ from in Asian societies?
3. Why did tea not enjoy the same success as coffee when it first arrived in Europe?
4. How did tea transform English society? Who were the main consumers? What were some of the rituals surrounding tea?
5. What was the connection between tea and politics? (Give evidence/ examples)
6. How was tea connected to the opium trade and the Opium War of 1839-1842?
7. Explain the relationship between tea and industrialization and imperialism. How did tea affect the development of each?
8. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to tea?

Coca-Cola:

1. Explain the origins of Coca-Cola. Include the origin of the name.
2. How was the beverage used medicinally and what were the additives?
3. What role did Coke play in World War II?
4. What is meant by the term ‘Cola-Colonization’?
5. Do you think Coke is an appropriate symbol for globalization? Why or why not? (Give evidence)
6. Explain the relationship between Coke and globalization, the Cold War, and America. How did Coke affect the development of each?
7. What is the most important historical theme or event that Standage ties to Coke?

Epilogue:

1. Why does Standage propose water as the seventh beverage?
2. How does access to water affect the lives of ordinary people? How does it affect international relations?

Discussion Questions (be sure your answers are thorough and supported with evidence):

1. What global processes were discussed repeatedly in relation to these drinks?
2. How were these drinks related to class structures and social hierarchies?
3. Why do you think so many of these drinks began as ‘medicines’?
4. One criticism Standage faces is that his book is too Eurocentric. Do you agree? Why or why not? What parts of the world get little attention?