HHHCSD AP WORLD SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2015 – 16

A History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tom Standage

Congratulations on your decision to take Advanced Placement World History, a rigorous, college level history course. This course continues your study of world history and prepares you not only for the AP Exam in May, but to write well and think critically in all of your endeavors. Increasingly many universities assess rigor of courses undertaken in both admissions and in scholarship opportunities; your pursuit of an advanced track should serve you well. While this course is challenging, persistent hard work and effort will pay off with great rewards. To that end, you are expected to complete the following assignment over the summer. That is why we chose *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* as our summer reading. It encompasses the time frame we will cover *and* it covers key themes of the course in an interesting way.

The following outlines are **MANDATORY** and must be completed by **Wednesday**, **September 16**, **2015**. The book, however, must be read in its entirety by the first day of school. The pages that follow should be stapled with your name on the first page. No report covers or folders are necessary.

Standage, Tom. A History of the World in 6 Glasses. 2006. ISBN: 0802715524

Directions

- 1) **READ**, don't skim, the book. Many world history students read this book and it has become a favored choice among teachers because it is interesting and well written.
- 2) The book examines the history of six different beverages. In the pages that follow, there are key themes from the AP World curriculum. As you read, cite specific evidence from different beverages to support the theme.
- 3) As you read the book, make notes in the margin (or use post-it notes) identifying:
 S = social, P = political, R = religion, I = Intellectual, T = technological,
 E = Economic. This will help you significantly when you go back to complete the following exercises.
- 4) Work **independently**. All work must be **handwritten** and **original**. Use of the internet will lead you astray for this assignment.

1. Beverages influenced the development of social hierarchies. (SOCIAL)

Evidence	Page #
Example: Beer being used as currency was distributed differently to different classes:	8
one sila to lowest rank and five silas to the highest rank.	3 <i>5</i>

2. Beverages played an essential role in the development of intellectual thought. (INTELLECTUAL)

Do not focus solely on political ideas!

You need 10 citations from at least 3 beverages to support the theme. Evidence	D "
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3. Beverages were a basis for increased economic activity. (ECONOMIC)

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Example: Priests in ancient Sumerian cities collected surplus barley and wheat (used for	
beer) in the form of compulsory taxes that would be used to trade for public works	30-31
projects. This gave them more economic power; thus, a higher social status.	
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4. Religious beliefs affected attitudes toward the consumption of beverages. (RELIGION)

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5. New technological innovations and beverages facilitated long distance communication and exchange. (TECHNOLOGICAL)

Focus on the TECHNOLOGY involved

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6. Beverages played a role in initiating political transformations. (POLITICAL)

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Direct Comparisons

Directions

- 1. Provide 5 direct comparisons between beverages in the book.
- 2. All six beverages need to be used at least once within these direct comparisons.
- 3. For each direct comparison, provide the analysis. The analysis is the WHY it is the same or WHY it is different. Why is this a significant comparison?

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Direct Comparison #2	
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Direct Comparison #3
Analysis
Direct Comparison #4
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Direct Comparison #5
Analysis

Change and Continuities Over Time

Choose ONE beverage and discuss how the beverage's role has changed and stayed the same from its inception to the present. Your response MUST fit on this page.				
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