

Readings

Suggested Reading: (If you are serious about doing well in this course, reading ONE the following texts will greatly help you on your way to a 5!)

1. Jared Diamond's Guns, Germs, and Steel
2. Jared Diamond's Collapse
3. Tom Standage's A History of the World in 6 Glasses

REQUIRED READING: (Assignment information on pages 2&3)

1. **Ancient History Review**
2. Strayer's **Ways of the World** (textbook)
 - a. Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 10

Assignments

1. **Ancient History Review** - on Google Classroom
2. Strayer's **Ways of the World: Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 10**

It is essential that you complete these assignments to the best of your ability. These chapters will be covered less in class to make room for all the chapters we must get through. If you do not take this work seriously, you will not be prepared for the start of the year and will fall behind in a class that moves at a VERY fast pace.

Requirements:

- All assignments must be submitted via *Google Classroom*.
- Assignments need to be thoroughly completed and submitted on time.
- Late assignments will not be accepted.
- If summer work is incomplete, students are ineligible to remain in the class.
- Send questions to Mr. Armstrong - karmstrong@rvilleschools.org

Google Classroom

- All work will be submitted through *Google Classroom*. Students must use the rvilleschools.org account to enroll in the *AP World Summer 2024 Classroom*. To do this, follow the steps below:
 1. Sign in to Classroom at classroom.google.com
 2. On the Home page, click **+** in the upper right corner
 3. Enter the join code below in the box and click Join.
 4. Code: **mksqqi4**

Due Dates - Submit your completed work through *Google Classroom* any time before the due date below. Do NOT submit work while it is in progress, only submit work when you have completely finished the assignment.

1. **Ancient History Review** - August 1
2. **Ways of the World: Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 10** - September 1

Other Information:

- **TEST** - There will be a **TEST at the beginning of the school year**. The test date will be announced on Google Classroom in advance. I will create questions from any content found within Chapters 7-10 of the textbook and the *Prologue: History before 1200 CE* reading from the Ancient History Review assignment. While assigned supplemental resources such as videos are helpful to fully understand a topic, you will NOT be tested on the videos. This will be a challenging assessment and only students who have seriously prepared will succeed. If you are looking to get through your summer work as quickly/easily as possible, you have the wrong attitude and should probably remove yourself from this course. AP World History is a demanding class that will require the time commitment of an **honors level college student**. Each chapter should be read **at least 2-3 times** to fully prepare for the rigor of exams in this course.
- **Beginning of the Year Assignment** - In September, you will be asked to reflect back on your summer work experience. Essentially, you will be tasked to make meaningful connections between what you learned while completing the assignment and your prior knowledge/other parts of your life. In preparation for this assignment, it will be helpful to keep notes on how the information presented relates to you.
- **Academic Integrity** - This is an AP course; you must abide by the school's academic integrity policy at all times. You MAY NOT work with anyone on this assignment, nor may you copy words/ideas from other sources without proper documentation or use AI based programs such as ChatGTP to generate your responses. This assignment must be completed in your own words.

Assignment 1 - Ancient History Review

Since this course, AP World History: Modern, begins around 1200 CE, your summer work is designed to provide necessary historical context of the world before 1200 CE. The Ancient History Review is the first part of your summer work and is divided into the follow three different eras:

- The World Before Civilization: the first people to the Agricultural Revolution
- First Wave Civilizations (aka river civilizations)
- Second Wave Civilizations (aka classical civilizations)

Directions and specific details about this part of your summer work can be found on the *AP World Summer 2024* Google Classroom.

Assignment 2 - Strayer's Ways of the World

The second part of your summer work, chapter 7-10 from Ways of the World, will help you continue to build necessary historical context beyond the Ancient world. This part of your summer work will focus on the centuries immediately before the official start of this course (1200 CE). Below you will find the assignment details and directions. You can also find these directions on the *AP World Summer 2024* Google Classroom.

As you read and take notes in preparation for the test on the first day of class, you are required to complete two separate assignments for each chapter.

1. ***What is the Significance?*** - Using complete sentences, explain why each term is important. To do this you will need to go beyond defining the term by explaining why it is significant to the part of history it occurred in. While your answers should include an explanation of the term, it should also identify any other key people, places, events or terms that relate to it, as well as an explanation to how it left a lasting impact on history. If you simply define the term, you will not get credit.
 - a. Neatly organize this assignment in ONE Google Doc
 - b. Title the Doc: AP world - *Significance* - YOUR last name (SAMPLE: AP World - *Significance* - Smith)
 - c. Clearly label each chapter
 - d. Number each term starting at 1 for each chapter
 - e. Submit completed work through Google Classroom
2. ***Big Picture Questions*** - Completely respond to each question with a minimum of 2-3 paragraphs. Use examples/evidence from the textbook to support your answers. Cite specific page numbers for the evidence/examples you use.
 - a. Neatly organize this assignment in ONE Google Doc (separate from *What is the Significance?* assignment)
 - b. Title the Doc: AP world - *Big Picture* - YOUR last name (SAMPLE: AP World - *Big Picture* - Smith)
 - c. Clearly label each chapter
 - d. Begin each response with the number and question exactly as it appears in the textbook
 - e. Submit completed work through Google Classroom

Assignment information by chapter

The page numbers below indicate where you can find the *What is the Significance?* terms and *Big Picture Questions* for each required chapter. There is a unit introduction (p.272-279) that you should read first. Also, at the end of each chapter you will find *Documents* and *Visual Resources* that should be included in your reading as well.

- Chapter 7 - p. 311
 - Terms - 14 (in total)
 - Questions - 5 (in total)
- Chapter 8 - p. 354-355
 - Terms - 18 (in total)
 - Questions - 4 (in total)
- Chapter 9 - p. 397
 - Terms - 20 (in total)
 - Questions - 5 (in total)
- Chapter 10 - p. 446-447
 - Terms - 17 (in total)
 - Questions - 4 (in total)