

Summer Reading Assignment

2016-2017

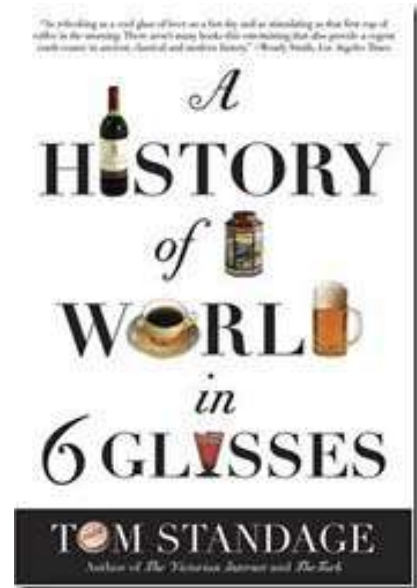
A HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 6 GLASSES

The particular book you have been assigned to read is one that provides an excellent and thought-provoking look at world history through the humble beverage. What we drink is something most people take for granted, not giving their potables a second thought. As we will see in this reading and throughout this class everything, from what we drink to the clothes we wear, from the technology we use; to the religion we practice; everything has an interrelated history.

The completeness, correctness and neatness of this assignment are paramount. Please keep in mind that this assignment should be completed entirely on your own, you may not collectively work on the activities.

Reading Questions:

The questions provided for this book are meant to get you thinking about history. It isn't merely enough to read about history; you must "do" history. Answer the questions completely on a separate paper. You do not have to rewrite the question but you must answer in complete typed sentences.

**BEER**

1. How is the discovery of beer linked to the growth of the first "civilizations"?
2. What does this history of beer in the ancient world tell us about the early civilizations?
3. What sources does the author use to gather his information on the use of beer?
4. What were some of the uses of beer by ancient cultures? Nourishment? Ritual? Religious?
5. How did beer "civilize" man, according to Standage?
6. What is the relationship between beer and writing, commerce, and health?

WINE

1. How did the use of wine differ from that of beer in ancient Greece and Rome?
2. How was wine used by the Greeks?
3. How and why did wine develop into a form of a status symbol in Greece?
4. How was wine consumed? What does this tell us about the ancient Greek culture?
5. How did the use of wine in Roman culture differ from that of ancient Greece?
6. What is the relationship between wine and empire, medicine, and religion.

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SPIRITS

1. What is the origin of distilled spirits?
2. What is the connection between spirits and colonization?
3. How was the production of spirits connected to slavery?
4. What role did spirits play on the high seas?
5. In the 18th century, how did spirits help Britain have a more superior navy than France?
6. Why were spirits an important staple in Colonial America?
7. How did rum play a role in the American Revolution?
8. What were the negative effects/uses of spirits?