

Half Hollow Hills Central School District
Advanced Placement World History
Summer Assignment 2018



We know that you will find the upcoming year in AP World History an exciting one! Students who have completed the course are always amazed at how much they have learned by the end of the year.

So . . . we are going to ask only **ONE** thing of you this summer: know where these countries* and geographic features are located.

We will spend an exciting year touring the globe and it is quite difficult to engage in a productive discussion if you do not have a solid understanding of where these places are located.

You can use game sites like the ones listed below to make learning the locations of these countries more interactive.

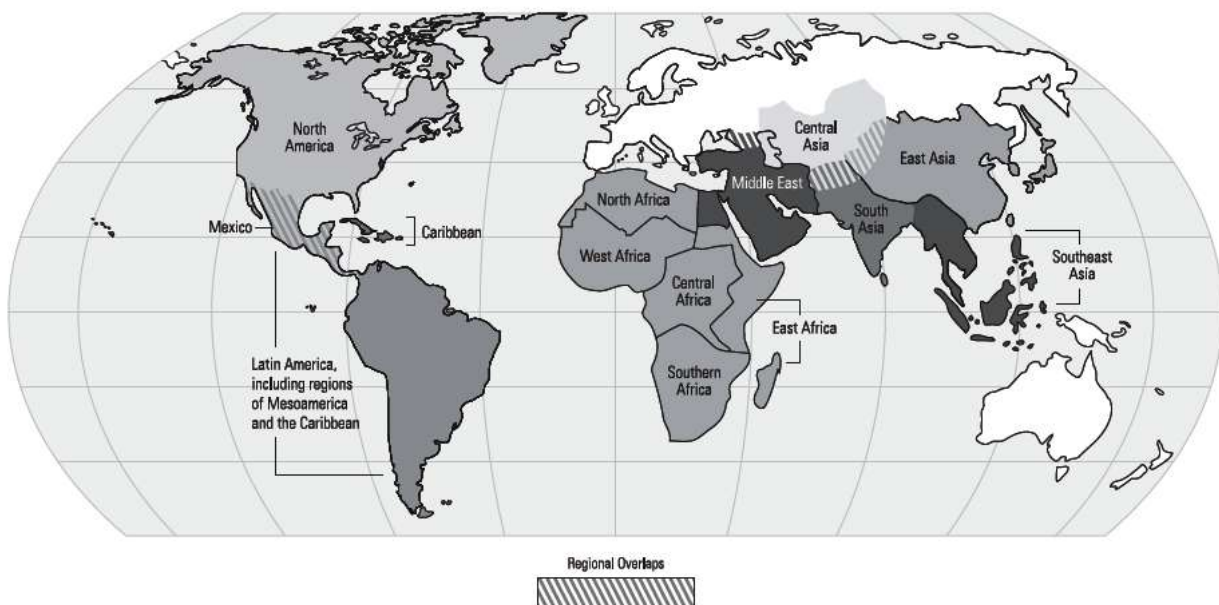
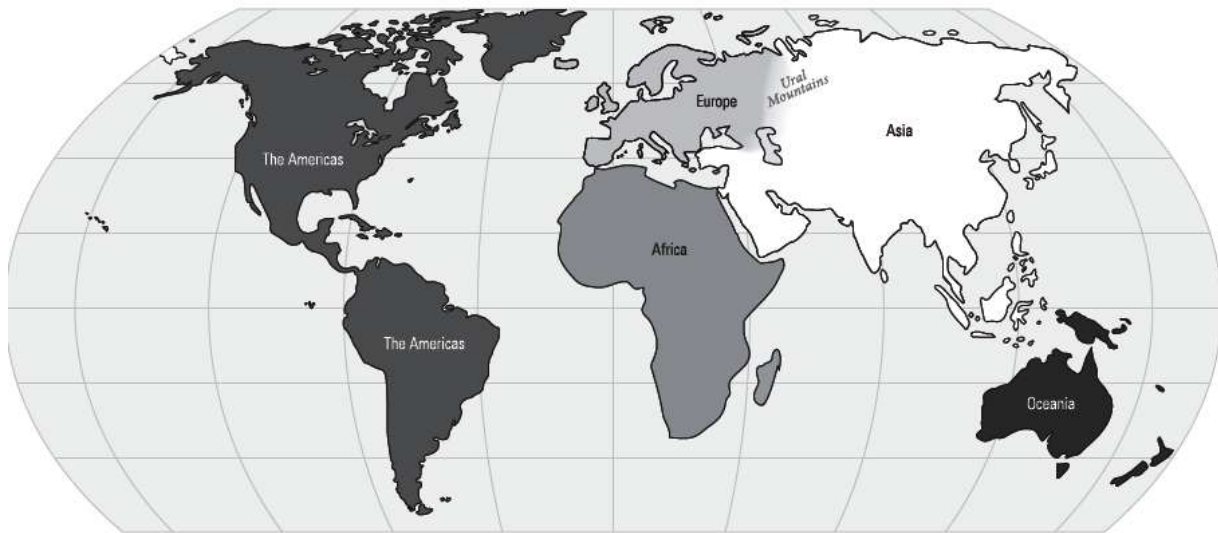
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<http://lizardpoint.com/geography/>
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In addition, there is a list of events (all learned in 9th grade), that you will be expected to know at the start of the school year. You can expect to be assessed on your knowledge of the places and events (contained on the following pages) in the first few weeks of school and throughout the year.

*Note: Controversy exists regarding the definition of the term “country.” Example: The United States and others do not officially recognize the State of Palestine; similarly, countries, including China, do not officially recognize Taiwan.

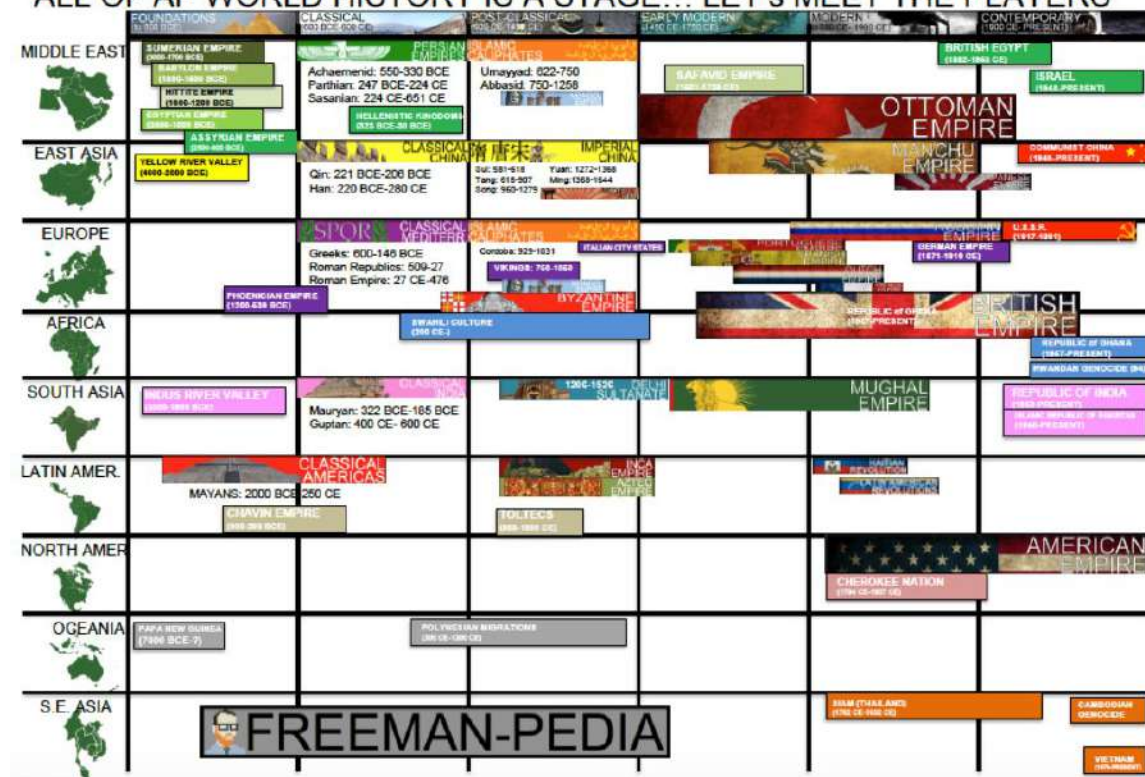
Countries You Should Know	Countries You Should Know	Countries You Should Know	Geographic Features You Should Know
Canada	Spain	Myanmar/Burma	Atlantic Ocean
United States	Portugal	Indonesia	Pacific Ocean
Mexico	France	Singapore	Indian Ocean
Haiti	Netherlands	Philippines	Arctic Ocean
Panama	Germany	Cambodia	Baltic Sea
Colombia	Italy	Vietnam	English Channel
Venezuela	Poland	Iran	Mediterranean Sea
Brazil	Russia	Iraq	Aegean Sea
Argentina	Sweden	Saudi Arabia	Black Sea
Cuba	Serbia	Afghanistan	Red Sea
Egypt	Greece	Israel	Persian Gulf
Libya	Turkey	Palestine	Nile River
Ethiopia	Greenland	Syria	Tigris & Euphrates Rivers
Sudan	India		Amazon River
South Sudan	Pakistan		Mississippi River
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Bangladesh		Rio Grande River
Kenya	Sri Lanka		Indus River
Nigeria	China		Yellow (Huang He) River
Rwanda	Taiwan		Yangtze River
Somalia	Mongolia		Ganges River
South Africa	North Korea		Gobi Desert
Australia	South Korea		Sahara Desert
United Kingdom	Japan		Andes Mountains
Ireland	Thailand		Himalaya Mountains
			Ural Mountains
			Hindu Kush

Regions of the World to Keep in Mind



AP WORLD HISTORY: SETTING THE STAGE

ALL OF AP WORLD HISTORY IS A STAGE... LET'S MEET THE PLAYERS



Understanding of Key Events

While ninth grade did not necessarily emphasize dates, there are a number of events that you should know. On the following page is a list of those dates and the events associated with them.

Some Important Events to Remember

c. 8000 BCE - Beginnings of agriculture/Neolithic Revolution
6th century BCE - life of Buddha, Confucius, Laozi (beginnings of Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism)
221 BCE - Qin Dynasty unified China
27 BCE - 180 CE - Pax Romana
32 CE - Beginnings of Christianity
220 - End of Han Dynasty
312 - Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity
476 - Fall of Rome
527 - Justinian rules Byzantine Empire
622 - Founding of Islam
732 - Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move into France)
c. 900 - Decline of classical Maya
1054 - Great schism in Christian Church (Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox)
1095 - First Crusade
1206 - Genghis (Chinggis) Khan begins Mongol conquests
1258 - Mongols sack Baghdad, end of Abbasid caliphate
1347-48 - Bubonic Plague in Europe
1368-1644 - Ming Dynasty
1405-1433 - Zheng He's voyages
1453 - Ottomans capture Constantinople
1492 - Columbus/Reconquista of Spain
1502 - 1st slaves to the Americas
1517 - Martin Luther/Protestant Reformation begins
1521 - Cortez conquers the Americas
1533 - Pizarro toppled the Inca
1607 - founding of Jamestown
1618 - 1648 - Thirty Years War
1688 - 1689 - Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights