

Advanced Placement World History: Modern
George Washington High School
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Summer Reading Assignment

Summer Reading:

- Standage, Tom. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*. Bloomsbury Publishing. New York, NY. 2005.

Assignment

- You will write a journal narrative from the perspective of a merchant trader who sells beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, or coca-cola. Your journal **MUST** have at least 5 entries and should highlight how the beverage was traded geographically. Your journal entries should also give a solid understanding of the history of the beverage. Highlighting how it was celebrated, traded, and used. Each journal entry should be at least 3 paragraphs long.
- Your journal **SHOULD** be a period piece (for example, if you are writing about beer then you should be writing from the perspective of a merchant trader living in Ancient Mesopotamia or Ancient Egypt).
- **Writing Advice – This is Important!**
 - Write in the past tense
 - Use an active voice with precise words
 - Explain key terms and vocabulary
 - Anticipate counter claims to your story
 - Remain objective
 - Stay on topic

This Summer Reading Assignment is due the FIRST WEEK of Classes. You should turn it in by that Friday. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute because you will have a quiz the first week of classes.

Note From the Teacher:

- For this class we will begin our history of the world in 1200 C.E. Naturally, you would want to know what happened before that (approx. 3000 B.C.E. – 1200 C.E.). Aside from the usual boring narratives that history textbooks provide, this book makes reading history fun by talking about how food & drink have changed throughout history. This book offers a narrative of what occurred during the B.C.E. and C.E. eras, and will probably make you thirsty for more. Enjoy!

