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## Summer Assignments 2021 - 2022 AP World History

Welcome to the Advanced Placement World History, I look forward to working with each of you. All Assignments are due on the first day of school. An exam will be given at the end of the first week of school.

### Primary Textbook:

Robert Strayer and Eric Nelson - *Ways of the World Since 1200*

### Recommended Literature:

*Siddhartha* by Herman Hesse

*Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond

1. **Textbook Chapters 1 and 2** - Click [here](#) for Chapter 1 and Click [here](#) for Chapter 2.
  - a. Learn the Vocabulary on Pages 40 & 41 and respond to Big Picture Questions on Page 41
  - b. Learn the Vocabulary on Pages 93 & 94 and respond to Big Picture Questions on Page 94
2. Read the following primary source reading related to topics of significance in our study of AP World History. Click [here](#) for the Marco Polo reading.

### *Marco Polo in Hangzhou - Respond to the following questions.*

1. How does Marco Polo's report on Hangzhou provide evidence regarding the condition of the Chinese economy during the 13<sup>th</sup> century?
2. How does Polo's report illustrate the importance of cross-cultural contacts during the Mongol era?

### The Advanced Placement Exam:

The AP World History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and includes both a 105-minute multiple-choice/short-answer section and a 90-minute free-response section. Each section is divided into two parts, as shown in the table below.

Section	Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing	Percentage of Total Exam Score
I	Part A: Multiple Choice Questions	55 M/C	55 min	40%
	Part B: Short-Answer Questions	4 Short Answers	50 min	20%
II	Part A: Document-Based Question	1 question	55min	25%
	Part B: Long Essay Question	1 question (chosen from a pair)	35min	15%

**Time Management**

Students need to learn to budget their time so that they can complete all parts of the exam. Time management is especially critical with regard to Section II, which consists of two essay questions. Time left is announced, but students are not forced to move to the next question. Students often benefit from taking a practice exam under timed conditions prior to the actual administration.