

A.P. WORLD HISTORY

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Welcome to AP World History . What is it?

*“ . . . World History is **the story of connections** within the global human community. The world historian’s work is to portray the **crossing of boundaries** and the **linking of systems** in the human past.”*
Patrick Manning, *Navigating World History*, 2003

I'd like you to begin your thinking about World History with a little summer reading. You should pick up your first three packets for the course- one pink and two blue- and you should buy (or borrow) a copy of Jared Diamond’s *“Guns, Germs, and Steel; The Fates of Human Societies,”* (1997/ 1999).

What should you pick up for the summer of 2008?

- A **Pink Packet** Part 1 of World History- *“Civilization”*
- 2 **Blue Packets** Part 2 of World History- *“The Classical Period.”*
“Chapter 1; Classical China.”
“Chapter 2; Classical India.”
- Our Textbook *“World Civilizations; The Global Experience,”*
Peter N. Stearns, 2003.
- Jared Diamond’s, *“Guns, Germs, and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies,”* 1997/ 1999.

What should you have done for the first day of school on August 19, 2008?

- **ALL** of the **PINK PACKET** (Part I) of World History should be completed.
[Don’t worry about pages 9 - 15, p. 41, and 65B for the moment. We should go over them in class in the first couple of days. Also, the 3 pages after p. 50 -(50B,C, and D)- are film notes for *“Guns, Germs, and Steel”*. This is something we will watch-and answer- in class.]
[Pay attention to pg. 3 as to where you place the equator. I **do** want you to put a crease in the page where the equator is located, but it is **not exactly** in the middle of the page. Do not simply fold the sheet in half- this would misrepresent the placement of the equator.]
I will collect the **pink packet** on the first day of school, and it will be counted as the first **100 points** of your grade. Be as thorough as possible, and fill in all of the spaces as completely (and thoughtfully) as you can.
- Be ready for a little quiz** on the first day concerning information coming only from the **pink packet**. (It should be about 20 questions. In short, review your work in the pink packet before the first day!!!)

-You should have read the **Preface, Prologue, and Chapters 1, 4, 6, and 10** in ***“Guns, Germs, and Steel.”*** (It would be beneficial to read the entire book if you have time. There will be additional chapters assigned later, but you are not required to read the entire book.)

-First Test? **Friday, August 22.** Anything in the pink packet is fair game.

How much of the Blue Packets (Classical Civilizations) should you do?

- To make your next two weeks go smoothly, **AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**
This is how weeks 2 and 3 will go:

August 25 - 29:

Week 2- Chapter 2, Stearns, ***“Classical Civilization: China.”***
(Pgs. **1 - 57** in the Blue Packet)

Chapter 2 will be collected at the end of our second week,
when we will take our second test - **Friday, August 29.**
This test will only cover **Chapter 2, “Classical China.”**

September 2 - 5: (After Labor Day Weekend)

Week 3- Chapter 3, Stearns, ***“Classical Civilization: India.”***
(Pgs. **1 - 43** in the Blue Packet)

Chapter 3 will be collected at the end of our third week,
when we will take your third test- **Friday, September 5.**
This test will only cover Chapter 3, ***“Classical India.”***

In short, nothing needs to be done this summer in the blue, but it is strongly recommended and encouraged. **ALL OF THE PINK** (minus the pages mentioned above) should be completed by August 19.

Chapters 4 and 5 packets are entitled-

Chapter 4; ***“Classical Civilization: Greece and Rome”***, and
Chapter 5; ***“The Classical Period: Directions, Diversities and Declines by 500 C.E.”***

They will be handed out in the first week for students who are interested in keeping ahead. Chapter 5 will discuss the declines in ALL of the Classical Civilizations, and (a bit) with the beginnings of the spread of two major world religions. Which ones? _____ and _____.
(Hint- one will spread mainly WEST and the other mainly EAST.)

Buona Fortuna (Good luck), and . . . see you in August.
Sincerely- **Mr. T. Harig**, Kirkwood High School, E- 184.