

AP World History 9
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
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Welcome to AP World History! To get off to a quick and efficient start you must complete a summer assignment based on the first chapter of our textbook World Civilizations: The Global Experience. You are also required to complete a geography assignment that will require internet access. If you have any questions over the summer please contact either one of us using the e-mail addresses given above.

Task 1: Read chapter 1 “From Human Prehistory to the Early Civilizations.” Take notes in your own style. Notes must be handwritten and will be collected.

Task 2: In your own words (this means do not go to the glossary in the back of the book or the internet) identify and define the following terms using your reading of the chapter.

Paleolithic or Old Stone Age
Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age
Neolithic Revolution
Slash and burn agriculture
Patriarchal society
Metalworking
Civilization
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Task 3: Complete the attached organizers (PIRATES charts) for each of the following Early River Valley Civilizations. All the information you need is in chapter 1.

Mesopotamia (Tigris and Euphrates)
Egyptian
Indus River Valley
Huang He (Chinese/Yellow River/Shang)

Task 4: In chapter 1, read “In-Depth: The Idea of Civilization in World Historical Perspective,” pp. 24-25. Write out the questions at the end of the reading on a clean sheet of paper and answer each one COMPLETELY. No one word answers.

Task 5: GEOGRAPHY

The College Board designs the AP World History course around world regions. You must become familiar with these regions, the countries that developed within them and their geographical characteristics – mountains, rivers, valleys, plateaus, lakes, etc. This assignment is designed to be a first introduction to these regions and we will be revisiting them throughout the year.

- A. Memorize all the regions by studying the world map given to you. You will be tested on this in September.

- B. Draw each region on any size paper (8 ½ x 11 is the smallest acceptable) and add the countries, landforms and other features given in the attached “Label In Each Region” chart. All must be clearly and neatly labeled. You can use any resources at your disposal to complete this assignment. The internet and your public library are great resources, equally useful.

Check list of items to be submitted first day of class:

1. Chapter 1 notes _____
2. Chapter 1 terms _____
3. Charts for Early River Valley Civilizations _____
4. "In-Depth" questions _____
5. Geography assignment _____