



Advanced Placement (AP) World History* – Summer Reading Assignment Instructor – Mr. Valente

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Reading Source: Ways of the World (textbook)

Students can pick up a hard copy of the textbook at PMSA at the front security desk M-F between 8am-4pm, or they can access/print a digital copy by clicking on the link at the bottom.

<u>Course Overview:</u> AP World History – Modern begins its course of study at 1200 CE and moves through the present. The summer reading assignment covers historical content before this time, thereby giving students some background knowledge before beginning the course.

Assignment: Read Chapters 1-2 in the book. Content from these chapters will be reviewed during the first week of school. At the end of week one, students will take a diagnostic assessment that will inform the teacher as to the students' readiness to move on into the main course content. There will be no writing assignment given over the summer. Rather, students are encouraged to be reflective while reading and prepared to engage in meaningful discussions during the review week. As an example, instead of being prepared to recite dates and facts, the focus should be on being able to compare and contrast major events and analyzing causes for cultural changes over time.

*Students who are pre-enrolled in this Social Studies course for their freshman year were identified based their 8th grade reading and writing assessment performance. These students will receive a hard copy of the assignment in the mail. If you are uncertain as to whether you will be taking this course for the 2021-22 school year, please email Ms. Chiganos, Grade Level Principal for students in 9th & 10th, at cchiganos@pths209.org for confirmation.

Link to Chapters 1 &2 on the textbook site:

https://macmillan.box.com/v/StrayerAP4eSummerRead

Password: **WaysWrldFA4eSmr19** (Simply copy and paste the password directly on the site where prompted.)