

Advanced Placement World History

Academic Year 2018-2019

Summer Assignment 2018

Welcome to AP World History. This year, AP has wisely decided to reduce the time period being covered in this course from the year 1450 to the present. That will allow a slower pace and more in-depth study of World History. I think the change will be a very positive one for us.

Our approach to World History will include the entire world and not just focus on Europe and North America as some other courses may do. I would like you to rest up after finishing school and then at your own pace please read two short books. One book is Siddhartha by Herman Hesse. I chose it because it tells the story of the Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. The other book is Hiroshima by John Hersey and that is a chronicle of the events in Hiroshima, Japan after the atomic bomb was dropped on the city at the end of World War II in 1945. After reading each book I want you to write at least a page reflection on each book. In your reflection I want you to write about how you thought about the book while you were reading it, your impression of the book after reading it and what you learned from reading it. The books are well written, short and informative and your reflection should reflect your own thoughts.

Reflections are due Tuesday September 1, 2018, the second day of class.

Have a wonderful summer vacation.

Mr. O