

AP World History: Modern
Summer Assignment
2026-2027

WELCOME!!!!

We want to welcome you to AP World History for the 2026-2027 school year. We are glad that you have decided to challenge yourself by taking this journey. We hope that you are ready to get started! We have prepared a summer assignment that covers some introductory content that is no longer a formal part of the course curriculum; but still remains important throughout the entire year. It will also help prepare you for the rigor and pace of the AP world!

In order to access ALL of the information needed to complete the summer assignment you MUST join our special Google Classroom page. The class is **AP Summer Assignment 26/27** and the join code is **lq7wrczd**. It is important that you click on all links in the documents so that you complete all FIVE parts of the assignment.

If you have ANY questions regarding the material or the assignments please do not hesitate to contact me (Mrs. Krause) as I will be the point of contact for information for any problems that may arise. Be aware that there will be several weeks when I will be unavailable so please make arrangements to read the assignment and ask questions before June 12.

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Right now you start with a blank slate in AP World History. Our hope is that this assignment will give you the opportunity to share who you are as a student. We have designed this series of assignments, not to ruin your summer, but to help you get the year started going in the right direction. This class is rigorous, but enlightening! We want you to enjoy the journey.

Have a Great Summer!

You must complete all FIVE assignments. Assignments may be typed or handwritten. ALL assignments MUST be submitted HARD COPY in class (in a folder) on your first day of the school year (August 6 or August 7, 2026).

A. World History Mapping Exercise

This course requires students to learn history from a global perspective. Balanced coverage of ALL regions within the course ensures that ONE does not become the center of the historical narrative. Geospatial awareness is essential to that end!

Directions: CREATE or PRINT an outline map on which you can locate EACH of the items below. Items identified with a color and number can be labeled using the appropriate combination. (Continents, Oceans, Seas, Bays, etc...) Rivers, Deserts, Mountain Ranges, Straits, & Artificial Waterways must be neatly hand drawn or outlined and CLEARLY (appropriate color) and labeled. Ideally, all work will be completed on a single-page printed world map, possibly 11x17 or 13x9. However, regional maps printed on multiple sheets of paper are acceptable. You will be quizzed on these locations when we return to school. **This is the ONLY assignment that MUST be completed by hand!**

Continents (Red)

1. North America
2. South America
3. Australia
4. Europe
5. Antarctica
6. Asia
7. Africa

Oceans, Seas, Bays, Lakes (Blue)

1. Atlantic Ocean
2. Pacific Ocean
3. Indian Ocean
4. Arctic Ocean
5. North Sea
6. Baltic Sea
7. English Channel
8. Mediterranean Sea
9. Adriatic Sea
10. Aegean Sea
11. Black Sea
12. Norwegian Sea
13. Barents Sea
14. Great Lakes

15. Bay of Bengal
16. Yellow Sea
17. Hudson Bay
18. Cape of Good Hope
19. Cape Horn
20. Gulf of Guinea
21. Caspian Sea
22. Red Sea
23. Persian Gulf
24. Arabian Sea
25. South China Sea
26. East China Sea
27. Sea of Japan
28. Caribbean Sea
29. Gulf of Mexico

Rivers (Green)

1. Nile River
2. Tigris River
3. Euphrates River
4. Amazon River
5. Indus River
6. Yellow River
7. Yangtze River
8. Ganges River
9. Mekong River
10. Congo River
11. Rhine River
12. Danube River
13. Niger River
14. Mississippi River
15. Rio Grande River
16. Irrawaddy River

Deserts (Tan or Yellow)

1. Gobi
2. Kalahari
3. Sahara
4. Mojave
5. Arabian
6. Namib
7. Atacama
8. Taklimakan

Mountain Ranges (Orange ^^)

1. Himalayas
2. Hindu Kush
3. Andes
4. Sierra Madre
5. Alps
6. Appalachian
7. Rocky Mountains
8. Atlas
9. Pyrenees
10. Ural

Straits (Purple)

1. Bosphorus Strait
2. Strait of Magellan
3. Strait of Gibraltar
4. Strait of Malacca

Artificial Waterways (Standard Pencil)

1. Panama Canal
2. Suez Canal

Region/Subregions (Lightly shade each a color of your choice - based on both maps in the AP World History: Modern Course & Exam Description)

1. North Africa
2. West Africa
3. East Africa
4. Central Africa
5. Southern Africa
6. Middle East/Southwest Asia
7. East Asia
8. Central Asia
9. South Asia
10. Southeast Asia
11. Oceania
12. North America
13. Latin America
14. Eastern Europe
15. Western Europe

Peninsulas and other landforms (Striped Lines)

1. Arabian Peninsula
2. Balkans
3. Crimean

4. Horn of Africa
5. Iberian Peninsula
6. Yucatan Peninsula
7. Rift Valley
8. Asian Steppe

B. [Global Religious/Belief Systems Graphic Organizer](#) (see material below)

- You will be quizzed over these systems within the first weeks of school. It is important to make sure they are complete.

C. [Classical Empires Graphic Organizer](#) (see material below)

- Complete the organizer (linked) with the appropriate information regarding the classical empires that you will be expected to know. **Using the SPICE-T acronym.**

D. Crash Course World History Survey

- Find each CC video linked below and complete the corresponding viewing guide.
- [Persians & Greeks #5](#)
- [Buddha & Ashoka #6](#)
- [Qin & Han China > Confucianism #7](#)
- [Alexander the Great #8](#)
- [Silk Road Trade #9](#)
- [Roman Empire or Republic #10](#)
- [Christianity \(Spread & Influence\) #11](#)
- [Fall of the Roman Empire #12](#)
- [Rise of Islam #13](#)
- Crash Course World History Viewing Guides (Find each Crash Course World History Video for the corresponding # and complete the attached viewing guide)
> 9 in total
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 - [Buddha & Ashoka #6](#)
 - [Qin & Han China, Confucianism #7](#)
 - [Alexander the Great #8](#)
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 - [Roman Empire/Republic #10](#)
 - [Christianity \(Spread & Influence\) #11](#)
 - [Fall of the Roman Empire #12](#)
 - [Islam #13](#)

Additional Resources and Videos: (You may find these helpful!)

- [BBC Religions Website](#)
- [Origins of Islam](#)
- [Spread of Islam](#)
- [Judaism and Christianity](#)
- [Buddhism](#)
- [Confucianism](#)

- [Zoroastrianism](#)
- [Hinduism](#)
- [Spread of World Religions](#)

E. [Autobiographical LEQ \(Long Essay Question\)](#)

FINAL THOUGHTS:

- You MUST submit all 5 (A-E) at one time on your first day of class (AP World History) regardless of teacher
- ALL submissions can be TYPED or HANDWRITTEN > BUT they must all be turned in HARD COPY in class on your first day. Make sure to label each submission with your name and class at the top.
- Summer assignments must be submitted in a simple folder (no binder) with the following on the front:
 - AP World Summer Assignment
 - Name
 - Date
 - Teacher