Elkins High School Social Studies Department

AP World History

May 15, 2023

Dear Elkins Knights Students and Parents,

I hope that you and your family in good health and spirits as we close out the school year and enter summer break. It was a great year with some ups and downs, but we came through it together!

Next year, many of our World Geography and AP Human Geography students will be in AP World History. **While the AP World History teachers don’t have any official summer assignments that will be graded**, here are a few suggestions for you if you want to go into AP World or World History a little more prepared.

**Suggested** Summer Reading**: *An Edible History of Humanity*** by Tom Standage; it’s not a long book and it gives some detail about the historical periods the students will learn about next year.

**Suggested Activities**: Research the following civilizations and fill out PERSIAN Charts on each one (see the attached template and just make copies)

**River Valleys: Other:**

Indus River Valley (India) Hittites

Yellow River Valley (China) Phoenicians

Mesopotamia Hebrews

Nile River Valley (Egypt) Persians

Suggested Review Resources that we will use next year: ***(not required, but recommended***)

* *Amsco AP World History: Modern* 2020 edition. (review textbook with practice questions)\* ***Strongly recommended by your AP World teachers!***
* Princeton Review or Barron’s AP World History Modern AP Exam Review (These are workbooks with practice multiple choice and essay questions) – *Good if you want to practice AP style tests on your own.*

\*If you really want a challenge; Freemanpedia.com has a detailed summer assignment (just ignore the SPRITEG charts) or go to this website [http://worldhistoryforkids2018.weebly.com](http://worldhistoryforkids2018.weebly.com/) for a more detailed summer assignment as well as videos, suggested readings, and documentaries. See other attachment. ***These are NOT required*** but give the students a good foundation for AP World as they provide nuance for students.

Recommended internet and YouTube resources

Research:

* Britannica.com and History.com

Watch on YouTube:

* Crash Course World History (first 5 videos) and Himmler’s History: Himmler is also a great source, both for writing and content. <https://www.youtube.com/@heimlershistory>

Thanks again for a great year and we look forward to next year! Have a great summer!

AP World History Teachers

**Chart**

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| **Political**   * Leaders, Elites * Government, Laws * Diplomacy, Treaties * Military, War |  |
| **Economic**   * Type of System * Commerce, Trade * Capital, Money * Industries, Products * Technologies |  |
| **Religious**   * Deity or Deities * Beliefs, Teachings * Holy Writings * Divisions, Conflicts * Interfaith Relations |  |
| **Social**   * Social Classes * Gender Roles * Life Styles * Traditions * Family |  |
| **Intellectual and Arts**   * Education * Inventions * Engineering * Architecture * Philosophy * Literature, Music, Art |  |
| **Near Geography**   * Location * Physical * Political * Region * Environment * Movement |  |

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