

AP WORLD HISTORY 10 SUMMER READING BOOK REPORT (SUMMER ASSIGNMENT)

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Directions: Your objective is to read one of the following books and write a book report. The book selections that are listed below can be found at your local library, book store, Amazon or IBooks.

1. The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century by Thomas L. Friedman

When scholars write the history of the world twenty years from now, and they come to the chapter “Y2K to March 2004,” what will they say was the most crucial development? The attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11 and the Iraq War? Or the convergence of technology and events that allowed India, China, and so many other countries to become part of the global supply chain for services and manufacturing, creating an explosion of wealth in the middle classes of the world’s two biggest nations.

2. A History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tom Standage

In this book, Tom Standage tells a popular history of the world through six beverages: beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca Cola. A thoroughly enjoyable read, the book is full of those kinds of anecdotes and stories that help students to enjoy and remember history. Better still is the book’s ability to provide a possible narrative of world history. The book is organized chronologically, allowing each beverage to tell the story of a period through local stories, global processes, and connections. Along the way, the reader can make comparisons amongst these drinks as to which have been seen as medicinal drinks, currency, social equators, revolutionary substances, status indicators, and nutritional supplements. In studying drinks, as with food, class and social structure are emphasized allowing social historical perspective.

Book Report Directions:

- Paper should be typed in font size 12, double-spaced, 1-inch margins 2 1/2 -3 pages in length.
- The paper should be in the following format:
 - Paragraph 1: Introduction (Title, author, and why you chose the book—Be descriptive) – Give a description of your initial interests, assumptions and expectations of the book prior to reading.
 - Paragraph 2: Summary of the book (i.e. main idea, key events, characters, and the historical period(s) discussed in the book), and include three quotes from the story and an explanation for why they were chosen.
 - Paragraph 3: Author’s message (i.e. What is the author trying to convey to you? Were they successful in conveying the message? Why or why not?)
 - Paragraph 4: How did this book give you a deeper insight into this era of world history?
 - Paragraph 5: Conclusion (What impacted you the most? Would you recommend this book to other students as a good way to learn about this time period? EXPLAIN why or why not?)