

Advanced Placement World History (WHAP)
Summer Reading Assignment 2018 – Google Classroom Code: s6x3mt
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INVITATION: Please feel free to email me with questions, concerns, and/or comments. I will reply.

TIP: Remember, in this class you are a college student. Please approach the texts and coursework accordingly.

TEXT CHOICES:

Steward Gordon's *A History of the World in 16 Shipwrecks*

Neil MacGregor's *A History of the World in 100 Objects*

Sandy Tolan's *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*

*Adam Hochschild's *King Leopold's Ghost*

*William McNeill's *Plagues and Peoples*

Tom Holland's *Rubicon: the Last Years of the Roman Republic*

Elizabeth Abbott's *Sugar: a Bittersweet History*

Tom Standage's *A History of the World in Six Glasses*

Tom Standage's *An Edible History of Humanity*

Mark Kulansky's *Salt: a World History*

Niall Ferguson's *The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World*

*high reading level

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WHAP SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

ASSIGNMENT: Read a text from the list above and write three full pages (typed in 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri font + double-spaced) about the world history covered in your book.

DUE DATE: The first day of school

STEPS AND REQUIREMENTS: Please...

1. **Choose and obtain one of the above listed texts.** I have a very few copies to loan, but most of the titles are available from the Santa Fe Public Library system and all are available on Amazon.com.
2. **Read the book.** If the book is...
 - fewer than 300 pages, read the whole book;
 - more than 300 pages, then read the first 300 pages of the text (pages that are over half illustration or maps do not count in the 300); and
 - more than 300 pages, and you read the whole thing, then you will receive extra credit.
3. **Write one paragraph** (of at least ten sentences) **for each of the following questions/prompts:**
 1. What is the author's main point, and how does s/he support that point? (use examples from the text)
 2. Find a place in your book where you feel the author wrote a particularly strong explanation of an event in world history. Write the page number where the author begins this explanation, and then write about why the author's explanation is so effective.
 3. What is a very important piece of information in your book that all people should know about but many do not? Why do you feel this information is so important? Why is it that people do not know about this event? What does it say about our society that so many people do not know about this event?
 4. What parts of the world were affected by the events described in your book? How were those places affected? Are any of these effects present or visible in current times?
 5. How can particular (or small) parts of history help to explain all of human history? Use an example of a particular episode of history in your book to help you answer this question.