

AP World History

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We look forward to meeting you in August.

This course begins with Early Man and ends with the Cold War. In order to adequately cover this amount of history in the time period allotted, much reading is required. In order to be successful in this class, it is imperative that you prepare for your AP class so that you can participate in class discussions and turn in completed assigned work by the due date. A tentative schedule for the first six weeks is on page three.

We recommend six hours of tutorial sessions per six weeks in order to be successful on the AP World History Exam in May. The tutorial sessions are held before school, after school, and Saturday. These sessions are not mandatory and extra credit will be given for attendance.

When you return to Waltrip, if your schedule is inaccurate and you are placed in a nonAP World History class, the following assigned work is still due on the dates assigned. It is **your** responsibility to get your work to either of us and receive your new AP assignments. Your schedule **will** be changed and if you do not complete your AP assignments when they are due, you will be behind once you join the correct class.

Grading Scale

- 30% - Major test or project
- 25% - Quiz / in-class work
- 15% - Weekly current event
- 20% - Written homework
- 10% - Participation

During the first six weeks only, with the exception of History Fair Projects, three zeros for missing due dates for work will be allowed to be made up. After the first six weeks, late work will be given a zero.

Over the course of the school year 2009-2010, approximately \$35 will be spent to pay for the cost of field trips and outside reading books. In order to defray these costs, **next year** we will have a fundraiser. It is your choice as to whether or not you participate in the fundraiser. There will not be enough time before the first field trip to raise money to cover that field trip, however, when the fundraiser is completed, you will be reimbursed for the cost of the trip.

Summer Assignments

HISTORY FAIR

AP World History students participate in Waltrip's History Fair. The theme for 2009 -2010 is **Innovation in History: Impact and Change** – Visit the National History Day website for rules, MLA format for your bibliography, and other information you may need.

<http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/Contest.htm>

Contact either of us by e-mail to get your topic approved **before** you do any research. Topics that are submitted by **July 1** will receive **extra credit**. Once your topic is approved, you may begin your preliminary research. The rough draft of your annotated bibliography in MLA format containing **five primary** and **ten secondary** sources is due either **August 24th or 25th**, depending upon which day you have your AP World History class. You will also turn in your choice of what type project you will be doing and whether you are working as an individual or part of a group. Your choices are as follows:

- Group or Individual Performance – three students –permission needed for more
- Group or Individual Documentary - no more than three students
- Group or Individual Interpretive Websites - no more than three students
- Group or Individual Exhibit – no more than three students

The estimated due date for your History Fair project is the second week of **October, 2009**. Your History Fair Project is worth **two major grades**. Plan to have your project completed before the due date because late projects will receive a **zero**.

We will choose the projects to compete in the Waltrip Fair that will be held the **first week of November**. Extra points will be given for projects chosen to compete in the different History Fair competitions - Approximate times for additional competitions are as follows:

January – **Central Region** February – **HISD** April – **Texas State History Fair**

READING ASSIGNMENT

Two books are to be read during the school year. You have the opportunity to read one of the books during your summer vacation while you are not so busy with school activities. When you read the book, make notes to help you remember what you have read.

First Semester Reading Assignment –

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World by Prof. Jack Weatherford . Most students enjoy this book. This book looks at the "*Pax Mongolica*" from the fresh perspective of recently translated Mongolian texts. After you read the book, decide whether the Mongols were bloodthirsty barbarians or enlightened rulers and liberators.

- As you read the book, write **one multiple choice question** with **five answer choices per chapter**. Clearly mark your correct answer. These questions will be turned in **August 23**, the **first day of school**.
- Field trip permission forms will be given August 23rd to be filled out with parental/guardian signature and turned in by August 25th.
- We will take a field trip to the Museum of Natural History to see the Genghis Khan exhibit on **September 3rd or 4th**. The exhibit will close Sept. 7th.
- Check the Waltrip website to find out the cost of this field trip.
- Genghis Khan & the Mongol Empire **major test** will be Monday, **Sept. 7th**.

Genghis Khan was assigned last year and many students are willing to sell their book to you. Students also saved money by purchasing used books through Half-Priced Bookstore and Amazon .com. To avoid shipping costs if ordering through Amazon.com, order with several of your friends.

FOUNDATIONS - 8,000 B.C.E. - 600 C.E. 6 WEEKS

Early Man - Vocabulary Assignment

The following words and questions will be assigned the first day you enter your AP class. If you prefer to complete this assignment during the summer, you may. Quiz over 1-23 will be given on Monday, **Aug. 31**

Define vocabulary words and answer questions:

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| 1. natural selection | 8. Homo sapiens | 15. Forager |
| 2. evolution | 9. Mary & Louis Leakey | 16. Megalith |
| 3. australopithecine | 10. Charles Darwin | 17. Neanderthal |
| 4. hominid | 11. prehistory | 18. history |
| 5. bipedalism | 12. Stone Age | 19. culture |
| 6. Great Ice Age | 13. Paleolithic | 20. domesticated animals |
| 7. Homo erectus | 14. Neolithic | |

21. Where have the earliest hominids been found? What changes occurred in hominids that allowed them to be able migrate successfully?
22. What was the significance of Donald Johanson's "Lucy"?
23. What is the significance of Catal Huyuk?
24. Compare three characteristics of the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras.
25. Who was the Ice Man of the European Alps?

Tentative Schedule - **Unit One – Foundations** - readings will be taken from the textbook and assigned outside sources.

Warm up=WU Current Event=CE History Fair=HF Vocabulary=Voc Pages to be read=PP
Questions=Ques

- 8/ 24 - Genghis Khan M/C questions due, ques/voc over Early Man & permission form given
- 8/25-26 - WU/ -Class rules - HF. biblio. & project type due - permission form due/ reading
- 8/27-28 - WU/CE/ Agricultural societies ques/voc due
- 8/ 31 - WU/Early Man quiz - ques/voc over River Valley Civilizations - reading
- 9/1- 2 - WU/ review Egypt & Mesopotamia - (Hammurabi's laws) Indus & Hwang He Riv. Valley, - ques/voc reading
- 9/3-4 - WU/CE /**Field Trip** - Mesoamerica & Andean S. America, ques/voc
- 9/7 - **Labor Day** -- study for Genghis K test
- 9/8-9 - WU/Test over Genghis K - Mesoamerica & Andean S. America, ques/voc due -Learn how to write Compare-Contrast essay & thesis statements over River Valley Civilizations - begin writing in class complete at home if needed
- 9/10-11 - WU/Current Events/ essay over River Valley civilizations due/ ques/voc over Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism - readings
- 9/14 -WU/- ques/voc due review Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, discuss caste system, with other systems ques/voc over Judasim, Christianity, & Confucianism - reading
- 9/15-16 -WU/ ques/voc over Judasim, Christianity, & Confucianism due
- 9/17-18 - WU/CE / Religion quiz - ques/voc over Greeks reading
- 9/21 - WU/ ques/voc over Greeks
- 9/22-23 - WU/ques/voc over Rome Republic & Empire reading
- 9/24-25 - WU/ ques/voc over Han Dynasty reading
- 9/28 - **FALL Holiday**
- 9/29-30 - WU/ Compare Rome & Han Dynasties, ques/voc over collapse of empires
- 10/1-2 - WU/CE/Unit test