

AP World History: Modern Summer Assignment (2023-2024)



Welcome to AP World History! I am thrilled that you will be joining us for this rewarding and academically rigorous experience.

In order to prepare for the course in the fall, I would like you to complete this summer assignment, which is composed of four (4) parts. Please submit your work on the first day of class.

I look forward to meeting you and guiding you as you enrich your knowledge of world history. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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Part I: Course Overview

To get an overview of the AP World History course, please review the AP World History: Modern Course Description that is available from the College Board.

1. Go to the following website: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>
2. Go to the “Explore All AP Courses”
 - a. Select “AP World History: Modern” from the list.
 - b. Scroll down to “AP World History: Modern Course and Exam Description (PDF)”
 - i. Read the Course Description handbook so you get a good idea of what this course is about.
 - ii. Scroll down to the AP World History Exam (pages 195-216). Read about the exam, and look through the sample exam sections.

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Part II: Vocabulary

Instructions: Below you will find a list of vocabulary terms that you will encounter throughout the school year. They will be relevant to different cultures throughout time and place. It is important that you become familiar with these terms and their meanings.

- Please use a reliable dictionary (online is fine) or academic resource to find your definition.
- Write your definition in complete sentences to thoroughly explain the words as they relate to the study of world history. Please write ***by hand***. The College Board requires that your exam essays be handwritten, so this is an important exercise.

1.Absolutism: _____

2.Agriculture: _____

3. Aristocracy: _____

4. Bias: _____

5. Bureaucracy: _____

6. Chiefdom: _____

7. City-state: _____

8. Civilization: _____

9. Clergy: _____

10. Colonialism: _____

11. Contemporary Period: _____

12. Demography: _____

13. Diaspora: _____

14. Divine: _____

15. Dynasty: _____

16. Early Modern Period: _____

17. Empire: _____

18. Epidemic: _____

19. Feudalism: _____

20. Genocide: _____

21. Globalization: _____

22. Imperialism: _____

23. Indentured servant: _____

24. Interregional: _____

25. Kingdom: _____

26. Maritime: _____

27. Medieval: _____

28. Merchant: _____

29. Modern Period: _____

30. Monotheism: _____

31. Nation: _____

32. Neolithic: _____

33. Nobility: _____

34. Nomad: _____

35. Pandemic: _____

36. Papacy: _____

37. Pastoral: _____

38. Patriarchal: _____

39. Periodization: _____

40. Polytheism: _____

41. Post-Classical Period: _____

42. Primary source: _____

43. Revolution: _____

44. Rural: _____

45. Scribe: _____

46. Secondary source: _____

47. Serf: _____

48. Shaman: _____

49. Slave: _____

50. Social hierarchy: _____

51. Socialism: _____

52. State: _____

53. Syncretism: _____

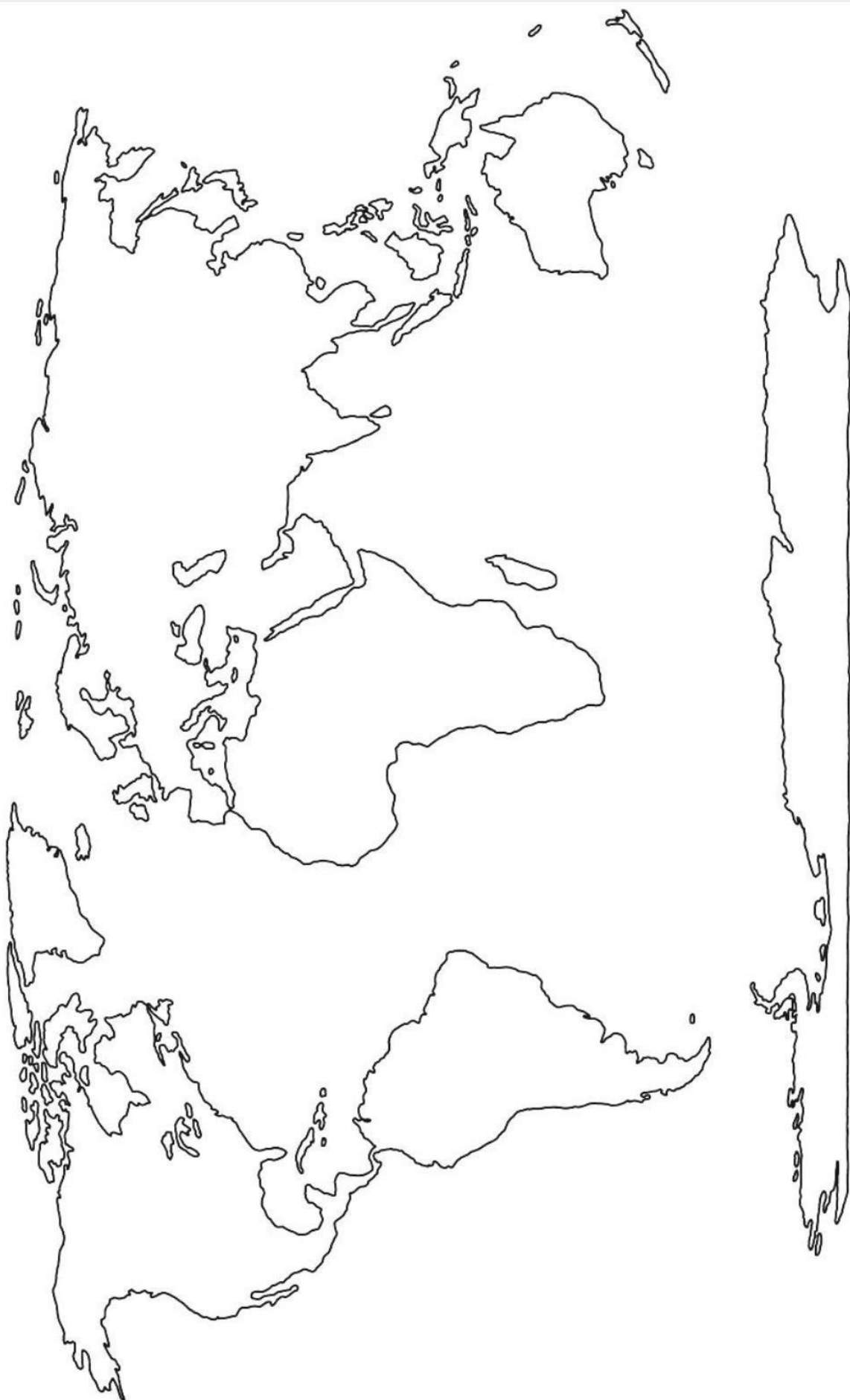
54. Theocracy: _____

55. Urban: _____

Part III: Geography: Instructions: Identify the locations listed below on the map provided.

World Map Identifications

<p><u>Four Oceans</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Atlantic Ocean2. Pacific Ocean3. Indian Ocean4. Arctic Ocean5. Southern Ocean 	<p><u>Land Forms</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Andes (Mountains)2. Himalayas (Mountains)3. Rockies (Mountains)4. Caucasus (Mountains)5. Alps (Mountains)6. Sahara Desert7. Gobi Desert8. Arabian Peninsula9. Crimean Peninsula10. Korean Peninsula
<p><u>Other Bodies of Water</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Caribbean Sea2. Baltic Sea3. Mediterranean Sea4. Black Sea5. Caspian Sea6. Persian Gulf7. Red Sea8. South China Sea	<p><u>Rivers and Water Systems</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amazon River2. Nile River3. Tigris and Euphrates Rivers4. Yangtze (Yangzi) River5. Yellow River6. Congo River
<p><u>Seven Continents</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. North America2. South America3. Africa4. Europe5. Asia6. Australia7. Antarctica	<p><u>Modern Nations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mongolia2. China3. Russia4. Turkey5. Iran6. India7. Portugal8. Netherlands9. Spain10. England11. France12. Mexico13. Peru14. Japan15. Morocco16. Brazil



Part IV: SPICE-T Themes and Current Events

Instructions: Select an article that explores recent events occurring somewhere in the world beyond the United States. After reading the article, determine if it connects to any of the SPICE-T Themes, and explain how.

Current Event Article Selection:

Title of article: _____

Publication (i.e. *The New York Times*): _____

Date of publication: _____

Author(s) (if provided): _____

Brief summary of the article: _____

SPICE-T Themes and Your Current Event

Instructions: In the table below, indicate any relevant connections that you can make between the SPICE-T themes and your current event article. Note that your article might not address all themes.

Theme	Relevant Connections to the Article
S-Social: Class structures, social mobility, social barriers, gender roles, racial and ethnic constraints, urbanization, family structures, and customs	
P-Political: Government, leadership, war, legal issues, court systems, conflicts, revolts, revolutions, nationalism, and regional, transregional, and global structures	
I-Interactions with the environment: Climate, pollution, impact of natural barriers, flora, disease, natural resources, deforestation, demography, fauna, and settlement patterns	
C-Culture: Language, ideologies, music, food, writing, clothing, art, architecture, education, religions & beliefs	

E-Economics: Material wealth, banking, currency, labor systems, industrialization, production, wealth distribution, trade & commerce	
T-Technology: Industrialization, innovations, inventions, science, mathematics, tools, weapons, techniques, calendars, astronomy, machines, immunizations, and medicine	