

Summer Assignment 2023-2024 (Updated 6/01/2023)

AP World History: Modern

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Greetings! We, as your incoming AP World History teachers, are extraordinarily excited about the chance to work with you this coming school year. Advanced Placement courses are a wonderful opportunity to challenge your mind, work ethic, and writing skills and are a chance to accrue college credit. You have shown a great level of promise in social studies in the past and now you will be afforded the opportunity to take a class that will be an immense challenge. To this end, we your AP World history teachers have compiled the following **required** summer assignment. Please read the assignment very closely and complete it in its entirety. Our email addresses are listed above should you have any questions over the summer.

Purpose of assignment: to educate the student on the requirements and components of AP World History

Estimated time of completion: *approximately* 5 hours for **BOTH** parts I and II.

Due date/manner of turning in: Monday or Tuesday of the first full week of school, turn in **BOTH** parts I and II of the summer assignment in a folder with your name on the outside. Please read this document in its **ENTIRETY**, especially the reminder at the end.

Method of Assessment: This assignment will count as a test. It will be graded in week 1 of the course.

Assignment:

Part I: Complete and print out the World Map exercise

1. Use the AP World History World Regions maps provided below to complete the following:

A) identify the following physical features on the map “A Big Picture View”:

Caribbean Sea	Aegean Sea
Mediterranean	Adriatic Sea
Pacific Ocean	Gulf of Mexico
Atlantic Ocean	Kalahari Desert
Indian Ocean	Saharan Desert
Nile River	Siberia
Indus River	Ural Mountains
Tigris River	Himalayan Mountains
Euphrates River	Strait of Gibraltar
Yellow/Huang He River	Strait of Malacca
Amazon River	Bosporus/Dardanelles Strait
Ganges River	Arabian Peninsula
Congo River	Iberian Peninsula
Sea of Japan	

B) identify **all present-day countries** on the map “A Closer Look” for each region stated by AP. You can create a list of countries under the stated AP regions.

Part II: Power Notes – “5 Steps to a 5: AP World History: Modern 2023”

1. **Summer Reading:** If you are able, you may purchase a copy of “*5 Steps to a 5: AP World History: Modern 2023*” by McGraw Hill Education; be sure to purchase the 2023 edition as the 2024 edition has not been published at the time of this posting. It can be purchased at a bookstore or ordered online from Amazon (\$18 new; \$10 used). If you need assistance with access to the readings, please contact your AP World History teacher.

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The World History diagnostic exam from the “*5 Steps to a 5: AP World History: Modern 2023*” book will be your homework assignment on the first day of school. You may complete it before the first day of school, however, you are only to complete the multiple-choice section, not the short answer questions or essays.

2. **Power Notes:** The readings include overviews of the content material and essential skills for the course. Since the AP World History: Modern curriculum begins with what was known as Period III, it is important to get a sense of the essential pre-history of the class. Please read from Step 4: “**Review the knowledge you need to score high**” **Chapter 5-7** (*pages 59-77*) and **Chapter 8-10** (*pages 78-106*) and take notes in a notebook to be used for class notes using the strategy outlined below. We will have a Socratic Seminar on the content in this section during the first week of the course.

Summary and Rationale for *Power Notes*

The *Power Notes* strategy (Lenski et al., 2011: 239) teaches students useful skills when taking notes on assigned readings or presentations. The purpose of *Power Notes* is to classify text and information hierarchically into three categories: (1) main idea/topic, (2) details, and (3) examples. As they are reading, students must write a 1, 2, or 3 alongside the text. *Power Notes* is an effective way for students to rank the importance of information and consider how it fits together hierarchically. Students are given the skills to read for a purpose--to consider whether they should focus on one level or all three (skimming versus a precise reading).

Example:

Power 1 Animals

- Power 2 Dog
 - Power 3 Cocker Spaniel
 - Power 3 Dachshund
- Power 2 Cat
 - Power 3 Siamese
 - Power 3 Calico

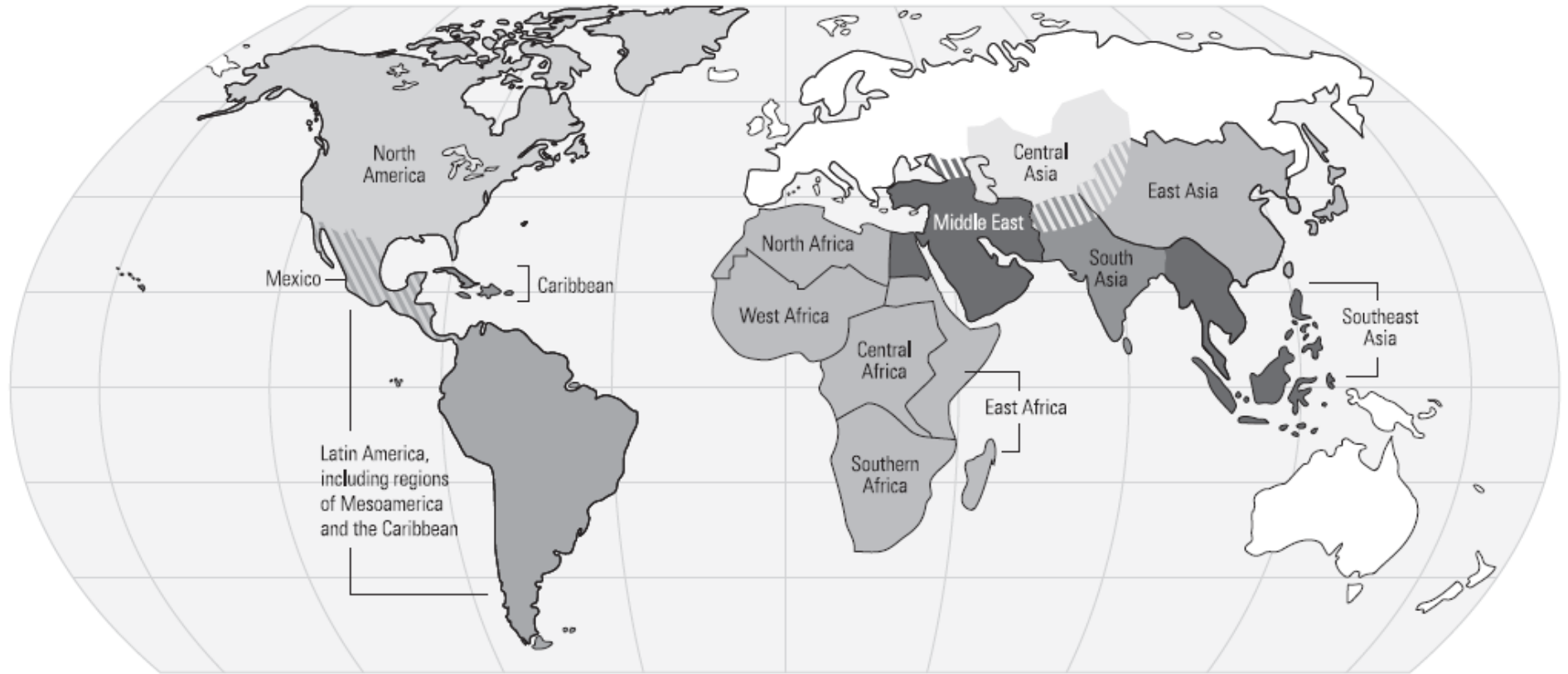
Summer Task List:

- Complete both map assignments in Part I. (You may use a different map or the ones provided below)
- Take notes on the assigned sections of your “5 Steps to 5” book (NEATLY).
- Put BOTH Parts I and II in a folder with your name, teacher and class period on the outside.
 - This will be collected on the Monday or Tuesday of the first full week of school.

AP World History: World Regions — A Big Picture View



AP World History: World Regions – A Closer Look



Latin America,
including regions
of Mesoamerica
and the Caribbean

Regional Overlaps

