

AP World History Pre-Registration Check List

AP World History is a college-level course offered to freshmen who excel in social studies and who have a sincere interest in learning about history. The class covers content from before 1200 C.E. to the present with heavy emphasis on reading and writing to master the course.

To find out if this class is right for you, answer yes or no to the questions below. Students who answer 'yes' to most or all the questions could be good candidates for this course.

1. Do you read historical novels, history books and newspapers like the *Washington Post* or *New York Times* regularly?
2. Do you like to watch documentaries about historical events?
3. Do you organize your thoughts before you write an essay?
4. Are you willing to write in-class timed essays regularly? There is a heavy emphasis on writing for the course. By the end of the course, you must write two complete essays in one hour and 40 minutes.
5. Do you know the difference between a thesis statement for history and English? For each chapter, students will write many thesis statements as part of class prep work. The course covers 30 chapters.
6. Are you willing to spend **30 to 45 minutes per day including weekends** reading and studying for AP World History? On average the course requires that you read approximately 25-30 pages of college level text each week. Must come to class with prepared notes to participate effectively.
7. Have you checked out the AP College Board website (<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>)?
8. Do you understand the requirements for and scoring of the AP World History Exam?
9. Do you know the 3 or above pass rate for AP World History for the last four years?
10. Do you understand that for the first two quarters you might receive Ds, Cs, and/or Bs on quizzes? And that if your first semester grade is below a C, you may need to drop this class?

Additional Reflections Questions

1. Why do you want to take AP World History instead of the intensified World History course offered for 9th graders?
2. How will you manage your time when you are involved in so many activities outside of school, whether it is music, sports, or other commitments?
3. What do you hope to gain from the AP World History course?