AP World History Summer Reading Assignment, 2019-20

Reading 1
1. Please go to the BLS website and find the History Department page under Academics. Scroll down the side tab until you find the History Summer Reading Assignments.

2. On this page, you will find a link to a Google Drive folder that contains the assigned chapters from your AP World History textbook, Ways of the World (1st edition) by Robert Strayer. You MUST log in with your BPS email address in order to access this folder.

3. **Read the assigned chapters:** Chapter 5 (p.189-215), Chapter 8 (p. 333-355).

4. **As you read, take handwritten notes** on the reading (the format of your note-taking is up to you -- see “words of advice” below). Your notes will be checked for credit. Typed notes will not receive credit. You are not required to print the chapters -- you will receive an actual textbook in September.

Reading 2
1. Purchase the book, *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage, 2006. Many BLS students in upper grades own this book -- see if you can get a used copy. If you borrow this book from the library, be aware that you will also need it at various points during the year.

2. **Read chapters 1-4** (the chapters about beer and wine). Take notes for yourself or annotate the text, in whatever format you find useful. These notes will be for you (they will not be collected or graded) to prepare for a class discussion of this text which will be graded. We will read the rest of this book during the school year.

Some sincere words of advice from your teachers:

AP World History is a rigorous course that requires hard work both in and outside of class.

- We strongly recommend that you schedule out your summer reading and plan to read about one chapter a week for 5 weeks in the summer; do not wait until the week before school begins. The textbook is a college-level text, the language is advanced, and you may find it challenging. Many students find they initially need to read pages more than once.

- One goal of this course is to develop the habit of taking effective reading notes. We hear from former students, year after year, that success comes when they read and take purposeful notes. For your summer reading, follow these guidelines:
  - Don’t rewrite every word of the textbook — try to condense and summarize key information.
  - Take notes in an organized fashion: Use the various textbook chapter headings and sub-headings to organize your notes. You may use a traditional outline style or your own format if you prefer. General tips: use headings, indents, bullet points to indicate main ideas and details; underline and define terms; and/or create charts if that helps you.

When you return to school, please be ready for:

1. **A test on the assigned pages of Chapters 5 and 8 of the Strayer textbook** on Monday, September 9, 2019. This will count as an assessment for Term 1. Your textbook reading notes will also be collected and checked for credit.

2. **A graded class discussion about Chapters 1-4 of “Six Glasses”** on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Have a good summer, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

~ AP World Teachers, 2019-2020