

Haddonfield Memorial High School
Summer Assignment Cover Sheet

Course: AP World History

Teacher(s): Friedlander

Due Date: First day of school

Grade Weight (%) of Quarter 1: 10%

NJ Core Curriculum Standards:
SOC.9-12.6.1, SOC.9-12.6., SOC.9-12.6.6,

Description of Assignment:

The assignment is to choose a book from the list provided. As they read the book, the students will be asked to keep a reading reflection log. The students will also be responsible for giving a five minute presentation about their book. The presentation will be a critique that will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the book and will also inform the rest of the class about the topic.

Purpose of Assignment:

To get students thinking about current and/or historical global issues, and to get them used to reading sophisticated text

Specific Expectations:

The assignment is to choose a book from the list. As they read the book they will be asked to keep a reading log. A reading log is not a summary of the pages they have read. Instead, it is a reaction to the material. The students are expected to demonstrate a deep reflection of the material in their journals.

During the first week of school the students will be responsible for giving a five minute presentation about their book. The presentation will be a critique that will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the book. Furthermore, it should include quotes and highlights to support their opinions and ideas that they found striking, and it will explain what they learned from their book.

Potential Help Sources:

Please give contacts, resources, websites, and alike a student can use.

Students can personally contact me for assistance during the summer. Also, the HMHS social studies website has many useful links.

AP WORLD HISTORY

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to AP World! I hope you are as excited as I am for our new adventure next year. To prepare you for September, I have written a summer assignment that will not only get you thinking about current and/or historical global issues, it will get you used to reading sophisticated text.

Your assignment is to choose a book from the attached list. As you read your book you will be asked to keep a reading log. A reading log is **NOT** a summary of the pages you have read. Instead, it is a **REACTION** to the material. You are expected to demonstrate a deep reflection of the material. This reading journal should be updated with each chapter you read and should be a page of reflection for every 20 pages you read. At the top of the journal you should date the journal entry, write the chapter number, and the page numbers you are discussing. For example:

Chapter 1 of 12
Pages 1-24 of 260

You will hand in the journal and we will discuss the books you have chosen when you return in September. During the first week of school you will be responsible for giving a five minute presentation about your book. The presentation will be a critique that will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the book. Furthermore, it should include quotes and highlights to support your opinions and ideas that you found striking, and it will explain what you learned from your book.

This assignment is worth 100 points: 50 for the journal and 50 for the presentation. When you arrive in September we will determine the order of the presentations.

Please take your time in picking out your book for this will determine how much of a *headache* this assignment will be. My suggestion is to spend an hour or two at Barnes and Noble or Borders and read the introductions to several of the books. This will give you a feel for the author's writing style and it will allow you to determine whether the book is a good fit for you.

Good luck, have a great summer, and I'm excited to hear about what you've learned.

Modern History/Contemporary Global Issues

Infidel

Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Somali-born author Ayaan Hirsi Ali is one of the most controversial women on earth. For years, she has been forced to live in hiding; her life has been threatened numerous times; an anti-Koran script that she wrote provoked the assassination of filmmaker Theo Van Gogh; and a dispute over her citizenship indirectly brought down the Dutch government. This memoir about her family's travails living under strict fundamentalist Islamic precepts tracks the evolution of a world-changing radical feminist.

Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil

Hannah Arendt

Hannah Arendt's authoritative report on the trial of Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann includes further factual material that came to light after the trial, as well as Arendt's postscript directly addressing the controversy that arose over her account.

Not on Our Watch: A Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond

Don Cheadle, John Prendergast

In this powerful call to action, Oscar-nominated film star Don Cheadle and human rights advocate John Prendergast shine an unsparing spotlight on the genocide in Darfur -- a targeted ethnic extermination chillingly described as "Rwanda in slow motion." The authors explore the roots of the current crisis, recount the stories of their separate and combined involvements, and suggest practical strategies every American can implement to end the death and destruction in Darfur and prevent the next attempted genocide.

The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II

Iris Chang

In December 1937, The Japanese army swept into the ancient city of Nanking and within weeks not only looted and burned the defenseless city but systematically raped, tortured, and murdered more than 300,000 Chinese civilians. *The Rape of Nanking* tells the story from three perspectives: that of the Japanese soldiers who performed it, of the Chinese civilians who endured it, and finally of a group of Europeans and Americans who refused to abandon the city and were able to create a safety zone that saved almost 300,000 Chinese.

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela, Little Brown & Co.

The riveting memoirs of one of the great moral & political figures of our time, an international hero whose accomplishments won him the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize. Mandela shares the epic story of his life--its struggles, setbacks, & ultimate triumph.

Shadow of the Silk Road

Colin Thubron

Making his way by local bus, truck, car, donkey cart, and camel, Colin Thubron covered some seven thousand miles in eight months—out of the heart of China into the mountains of Central Asia, across northern Afghanistan and the plains of Iran into Kurdish Turkey—and explored an ancient world in modern ferment.

Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land

David K. Shipler

The Jew, according to the Arab stereotype, is a brutal, violent coward; the Arab, to the prejudiced Jew, is a primitive creature of animal vengeance and cruel desires. In this monumental work, David Shipler delves into the origins of the prejudices that have been intensified by war, terrorism, nationalism, and the failure of the peace process.

We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families: Stories from Rwanda

Philip Gourevitch

In April 1994, the Rwandan government called upon everyone in the Hutu majority to kill each member of the Tutsi minority, and over the next three months 800,000 Tutsis perished in the most unambiguous case of genocide since Hitler's war against the Jews. Philip Gourevitch's haunting work is an anatomy of the war in Rwanda, a vivid history of the tragedy's background, and an unforgettable account of its aftermath.

Rebel Hearts: Journeys within the IRA's Soul

Kevin Toolis

A revealing portrait of the world of the IRA, this book explores the roots of the conflict in Northern Ireland through a series of compelling individual portraits, ranging from the IRA's top leadership down to the lowest level of volunteer.

Guerrilla Warfare

Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Guevara, Marc Becker (Introduction)

Che Guevara's text includes sections on propaganda, sabotage, the role of the woman, and the guerilla fighter as social reformer, and an epilogue in which he analyzes the events leading to the Cuban Revolution of 1959 and the possible future of revolutionary ideals in the Americas.

AND

Exposing the Real Che Guevara: And the Useful Idiots Who Idolize Him

Humberto Fontova

Exposing the Real Che Guevara is based on scores of interviews with survivors of Che's atrocities as well as the American CIA agent who interrogated Che just hours before the Bolivian government executed him.

*** (You must read both "Che" books – They are both short) ***

The Story of Tibet: Conversations with the Dalai Lama

Thomas Laird

The Story of Tibet is a work of monumental importance and a crucial addition to our understanding of a country with one of the world's richest backgrounds. Over the course of three years, journalist Thomas Laird spent more than sixty hours with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in candid, one-on-one interviews addressing His Holiness's beliefs on history, science, reincarnation, and his lifelong study of Buddhism.

Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy

Kevin Bales

"A well-researched, scholarly, and deeply disturbing exposé of modern-day slavery with well-thought-out strategies for what to do to combat this scourge. None of us is allowed the luxury of imagined impotence. We can do something about it."--Desmond Tutu

Untouchables: My Family's Triumphant Escape from India's Caste System

Narendra Jadhav

In this remarkable book, at last giving voice to India's voiceless, Narendra Jadhav tells the awe-inspiring story of his family's struggle for equality and justice in India. Based on his father's diaries and family stories, Jadhav has written the triumphant story of his parents--their great love, unwavering courage, and eventual victory in the struggle to free themselves and their children from the caste system.

Ancient/Medieval History

Caesar: Life of a Colossus

Adrian Goldsworthy

Tracing the extraordinary trajectory of Caesar's life from birth through assassination, Goldsworthy covers not only Caesar's accomplishments as charismatic orator, conquering general, and powerful dictator but also lesser-known chapters during which he was high priest of an exotic cult, captive of pirates, seducer not only of Cleopatra but also of the wives of his two main political rivals, and rebel condemned by his own country.

Joan of Arc: Personal Recollections

Mark Twain, Jean Francois Alden (Translator)

Twain was fascinated by Joan. He spent 12 years in research and made many attempts before finally getting the story right. He wanted to laud Joan for her unique role in history. He was able to do so after studying contemporary accounts written by both sides, the French and the English.

Cleopatra

Prudence J. Jones

This biography concentrates on the fascinating aspect of Cleopatra's ever-shifting identity. A master of self-presentation, she was the first to craft for herself an image or, to be precise, a number of images. Depending on the audience, she might present herself as a goddess, a political leader, or an alluring and exotic woman. Roman statesmen likewise manipulated Cleopatra's image for their own political ends. The tension embodied in our sources for Cleopatra's life make her story especially captivating.

Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling

Ross King

This amazing book transports the listener back to Italy in the early 16th century. King is able to describe the intricacies of fresco painting while also portraying the day-to-day life of that era. Descriptions of the court intrigues of Pope Julius II are interwoven with the struggles Michelangelo faced when Julius ordered him to paint, in fresco, the 12,000 square foot ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World

Jack Weatherford

An interesting, thought-provoking account of the conqueror's life and legacy. From his early years as the son of a widow abandoned by her clan, he showed remarkable ability as a charismatic leader and unifier. In 25 years, his army amassed a greater empire than the Romans had been able to achieve in 400. Whether judged on population or land area, it was twice as large as that of any other individual in history. This colorful retelling discusses many of the innovations that marked Khan's rule and contributed to his success.

The Last Days of the Incas

Kim MacQuarrie

Kim MacQuarrie lived in Peru for five years and became fascinated by the Incas and the history of the Spanish conquest. Drawing on both native and Spanish chronicles, he vividly describes the dramatic story of the conquest, with all its savagery and suspense.

Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico

[Miguel Leon-Portillo](#)

Fascinating and moving native Aztec descriptions of Cortez's conquest of Mexico. First collected in 1962, now in a new expanded and updated edition.

Taj Mahal: Passion and Genius at the Heart of the Moghul Empire

Diana Preston, Michael Preston

The Prestons bring alive both the grand sweep of Moghul history and the details that make it memorable. A tale of overwhelming passion, the story of the Taj has the cadences of Greek tragedy and the ripe emotion of grand opera, and puts a memorable human face on the marble masterpiece.

The Slave Ship: A Human History

Marcus Rediker

For more than three centuries, slave ships carried millions of people from the coasts of Africa to the New World. Rediker restores the slave ship to its rightful place alongside the plantation as a formative institution of slavery, as a place where a profound and still haunting history of race, class, and modern capitalism was made.

The Bible Unearthed: Archaeology's New Vision of Ancient Israel and the Origin of Its Sacred Texts

[Neil Asher Silberman](#), Israel Finkelstein

When was the Good Book written, and where? Respected scholars Israel Finkelstein and Neil Asher Silberman debunk traditional theories on the history behind the Bible in this eye-opening revisionist work.

Samurai

[Thomas Louis](#), [Tommy Ilto](#)

Samurai explores the essence, truth, and wisdom of these remarkable warriors. It features renowned samurai warriors, their weapons, armor, and military strategies and illuminates their unwavering *Bushido* philosophy—the strict code of honor requiring absolute loyalty to their master above all else, and ritual suicide in preference to dying a dishonorable death.

The Crusades Through Arab Eyes

Amin Maalouf, Jon Rothschild

The authors have combed the works of contemporary Arab chronicles of the Crusades, eyewitnesses and often participants. He retells their story and offers insights into the historical forces that shape Arab and Islamic consciousness today.

The Goddess: Power, Sexuality, and the Feminine Divine

Shahrukh Husain

Drawing on myth, religious beliefs, and a revealing selection of iconography from the Paleolithic Venus of Willendorf and ancient Egyptian images of Isis to medieval Madonnas and contemporary visions of female Hindu deities, psychotherapist and folklorist Shahrukh Husain offers readers a comprehensive, cross-cultural panorama of goddess worship through the ages.