

AP World History Summer Assignment

Standage, Tom. *The History of the World in 6 Glasses*. New York: Walker & Co, 2005. (ISBN: 0802715524)

Part 1: The Reading

- A) Find a copy of *The History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage. If you are unable to buy your own copy; the public library and SCHS main office should also have a limited supply of them. It is currently available on Amazon.com for \$11.50.
- B) Read the Introduction.
- C) Choose 2 of the different “glasses” (drinks) that you are most interested in learning about. Read the sections of the book that correspond to the 2 drinks you’ve chosen (this should be 4-6 chapters in addition to the Introduction).
- D) Take notes as you go about the historical impact these drinks have had! You’ll want them later!

Part 2: The Assignment

- A) Using your notes (and the book itself), write a multi-paragraph essay answering the following question:
 - a. **Compare the development, impact, and historical significance of two of Standage’s “Six Glasses”.**
 - i. Make sure your essay has a thesis that addresses the question and establishes an argument.
 - ii. Include at least 2 similarities and 2 differences.
 - iii. Use ample evidence from the text to support your claims.
 - 1. Use at least two specific examples per similarity and difference
- B) Make sure you cite your evidence using MLA, APA, *or* Chicago Manual.
 - a. If you need help with formatting, check out <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
- C) You should type your response. We will give you directions for how to turn it in online when you arrive in August.
- D) Your essay should demonstrate that you read the assigned sections, that you thought about what you read, and took your time to carefully craft a clear response to the question above.

Your AP World History teacher will use this to assess your writing skills coming into the course. While we will be looking at your technical writing abilities, it will not be the primary factor in your grade. We will use that to determine how we teach the required essays throughout the course. You **will** be graded on:

- 1) Strength of argument
- 2) Understanding of the material
- 3) Use of compelling evidence
- 4) Clarity of writing & accurate citations (including page numbers!)

You will be asked to turn in your essay the second or third week of school. If you have any questions over the summer, email Mrs. Pyrak at AKPyrak@fcps.edu.