

Holy Trinity High School
Advanced Placement - A.P. World History; Modern
Summer Assignment Information

June 2025

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to A.P. World History; Modern! This is a very exciting and challenging Advanced Placement course. Advanced Placement (AP) classes are courses for students who have strong reading, writing, and thinking skills and who work well in an accelerated, demanding classroom environment. The difference between a regular history course and an AP alternative is that an AP class is structured like a college class. **It moves at a faster pace**, has higher expectations, and presents a more rigorous and analytical curriculum. In addition, AP classes are designed to develop students' abilities as critical thinkers and offer them a college level course with college-level expectations. Therefore, AP World History is an extremely challenging course, **which will demand an unusual amount of time and energy**. There is a large amount of material to cover, much work to do, and very little time available.

Each student will be required to read and learn materials outside of the text that may not be covered in class, but may be covered on tests. A textbook and review book (available to purchase in the school book store early in the school year) will be used in the course, along with other sources that will be assigned by the teacher. Students must be willing to openly discuss their verbal and written responses to the course work and active participation is essential.

The summer reading requirements outlined on the google classroom page are a prerequisite for AP World History. In other words, these assignments must be completed **before** students return to school in September, **or their placement in the class will be jeopardized.**

Please join the Google Classroom - Code - w623uole

If you are a student who is just transferring into Holy Trinity - Please e-mail me at this address: Kspampinato@holytrinityhs.org. The Summer Assignment will be e-mailed to you.

I am looking forward to a very interesting, stimulating, and productive school year.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Kelly Spampinato

Welcome

To

A.P. World History

2025-2026

Mrs. Spampinato

Course Guidelines:

I. Attendance and punctuality are important. Lateness will be documented.

II. Materials Required For Class:

1. Bring your Chromebook fully charged every day to class. Notes will be given in digital notebook form. Please have airpods or earbuds.

2. All work assignments will be assigned in Google Classroom.

**3. Textbook – *Ways of the World* – Since 1200 C.E.
Robert Strayer – 2020. Keep at home. All textbook pages will be posted online.**

4. Required purchases –

- **A.P. Review Book – Amsco 2025. (current edition- may be 2024)
This will be on sale soon in the Bookstore**

- **A.P. Exam Fee – TBA .**

III. Grades:

Grades are computed by the following breakdown:

Tests – 40%

Quizzes – 30%

Homework – 20%

Class Participation – 10% - Includes asking/answering questions, note taking, in class work activities, attentiveness in class.

- **This structure may change due to school events on the calendar - snow days, assemblies etc.**
- **Tests and quizzes will be given at regular intervals.**

IV. Homework:

- 1. All homework will be submitted into Google Classroom and graded.**
- 2. All answers and questions must be included to receive full credit.**

Students are responsible for all work and information posted in Google Classroom.

V. Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism is defined as:

- 1. Copying without quotation marks or paraphrasing without acknowledgement from another's writing – Please be aware of this when completing homework assignments.**
- 2. Using someone else's facts or ideas without acknowledgement.**
- 3. Handing in someone else's work for credit.**

**If a student commits plagiarism the student will receive no credit.
Please be aware of this when completing assignments.**

VI. Miscellaneous:

- 1. Students are expected to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the Parent/ Student Handbook.**
- 2. Parents wishing to discuss their child's progress should contact the teacher.**
- 3. Extra help sessions can be arranged by the student for an appointed time.**
- 4. Please do not bring food, coffee/tea or glass bottles to class. Water bottles are allowed.**
- 5. Cell Phone Policy: In accordance with the school handbook, cell phones are not to be used in class. Disciplinary action will result if this rule is broken.**

Please return the signed contract to class on Monday, September 8th.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

