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Dear Student,

Looking forward to working with you next fall, I applaud your decision to undertake AP World History, a rigorous, college-level history course. For the majority of you, this is the first AP you have ever taken so the challenge is large but, it can be overcome with persistent study and hard work. For you that will begin this summer.

The summer assignment serves two purposes: (1) it is a test of the seriousness of your commitment to doing AP level coursework in World History and (2) it helps you gain a critical head start on your studies as there are only 75 class meetings until the AP World History exam on 12 May 2011.

I will assist you along the way so please ask questions at anytime, including this spring and summer. During the summer, I will check my email at least once every 2-3 days. Also refer to my website for further information.

Please share the parent letter and summer assignment instructions with your parent. If they or you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Good Luck,
Mr. Greer*

Directions: As you complete each of the steps, check the blank to help you keep track in managing your work.

- ___ 1. Send Mr. Greer an email from an email address that you will be using over the summer and next year. (If you change your email address let Mr. Greer know)
- ___ 2. Visit ACS's website www.acsamman.edu.jo to download each Chapters 1-4 of the summer reading assignment. Click on "High School" under the Curriculum menu and then click on '10-'11 AP Summer Reading Assignments. Then click on AP World History. These files are in PDF format so you will need Adobe Reader to view them. Contact Mr. Greer if you are having trouble doing this.
- ___ 3. Download the AP map documents and the AP Exam Overview documents. These files are PDFs also.
- ___ 4. Visit the detailed description of the AP World History course at the following link:
www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_worldhist.html?worldhist

To Do Before 5 August 2010

- ___ 5. Read *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage. This book is interesting and fun to read. Answer the reading questions contained on the separate reading assignment and submit before 5 August 2010.
- ___ 6. Read each chapter of the summer assignment from your textbook. Take notes following the **SPRITE** format as you read the chapter - can be handwritten or typed. At the beginning of each chapter's notes, create a heading that contains your name and chapter number. Try to take no more than 3 pages of notes for each chapter. Consult the AP World Overview outlines before you take notes to ensure that you have taken relevant, concise notes. These notes are to be contained in your World History binder in the "Notes" section. They will be checked the first week of school. A copy of the SPRITE note-taking format is

contained on my website.

___ 7. After you have read and taken notes on each chapter, go to the online learning center to complete the multiple choice quiz for that chapter. Each quiz has 20 questions that you will answer (of course you can use your notes and text to help you). The website is
http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072957549/student_view0/

___ 8. After you have taken the multiple choice quiz for a given chapter, email your results to Mr. Greer using his school email address provided above. The results of these quizzes will make up 50% of your first Unit exam taken during the 3rd class period of the school year.

** any results received via email after 5 August 2010 will not be counted on your first test ;additionally you might be asked to reconsider your enrollment in AP World History if these tasks have not been done prior to this deadline.*

___ 10. Acquire the following materials for class:

- ✓ A 3 inch 3 ring binder to contain handouts, notes, course materials, and outside readings
- ✓ loose leaf paper
- ✓ section dividers (5)

If you would like to begin the year with some extra credit, read one of these books over the summer to help you gain background information/ additional knowledge for themes that will be studied in class:

- A. *Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond
- B. *The World that Trade Created* by Kenneth Pomeranz
- C. *Ishamel* by Daniel Quinn

The get the “book report” instructions from Mr. Greer’s website for how to complete a report on the book you have read for AP. If the report is done well, you will be able to exchange the score for a reading quiz result in the 1st quarter. This report is due before 15 September 2010.

AP World History Prep Books – a brief listing of preparation guides that you might like to have to help you study this coming year (in no particular order):

1. Kaplan *AP World History 2007* (or 2008 if it’s recently been published)
2. *5 Steps to a 5 in AP World History*.
3. McGraw Hill *AP Achiever in World History* by Dixie Grupe and Sigrid Reynolds (it’s patterned on the Bentley textbook) ; go to the McGraw Hill website to purchase it.