

AP World History

SPRITE Note Taking Procedure

Note Taking in AP World History

Students in AP World History are required to take notes for each chapter they are assigned to read in the textbook. The purpose is to distill a 25-30 page chapter into 2-3 pages so that, when you begin to review for the AP exam, will not have to re-read all 1000 + pages of your textbook.

Taking effective notes is critical to doing well in any subject, especially in AP World History. Since AP World History is a thematic-based course, you will need to take notes in a thematic structure. This will be checked whenever there is a binder check once a quarter.

When taking notes for each chapter you want to organize the information you read into the thematic categories below. This will help you better organize and study information in a thematic way so that when writing thematic essays, for example, you will be better prepared than a student that has not done this.

SPRITE Note Format

S – Social

- Gender roles and relations
- Family and kinship
- Racial and ethnic constructions
- Social and economic classes

P – Political

- Political structures and forms of governance
- Empires
- Nations and nationalism
- Revolts and revolutions
- Regional, transregional, and global structures and organizations

R – Religion

- Religions and belief systems

I – Intellectual

- The arts and architecture
- Philosophies and ideologies

T – Technology

- Science and technology

E – Economic

- Agricultural and pastoral production
- Trade and commerce
- Labor systems
- Industrialization and globalization
- Capitalism and socialism