**AP World History Essay Prompt Sample Questions**

**AP WH Unit 1: 10,000 BCE- 600 BCE**

1. What were the changes and continuities of the role of women in agricultural societies between the end of the Neolithic period and the peak of the River Valley Civilizations?

2. Compare the Interaction between humans and the environment in Egypt and either The Yellow River Valley, Olmec, Egypt, or the Indus Valley civilization.

3. What were the effects of the development of agriculture on cultures of Afroeurasia?

**AP WH Unit 2: 600 BCE- 600 CE**

1. Compare the methods of political control used by Persia and Rome in the time between 300 BCE and 200 CE.

2. What were the changes and continuities along the Silk Road between 600 BCE and 600 CE?

3. 900 - 200 BCE is often called The Axial Age, meaning “the pivotal time when human beings began to reflect for the first time about individual existence, and the meaning of life and death.” Should this label be applied to this time period? Give historical examples to support your answer. (hint: belief systems!)

4. What were the causes and effects of the fall of a major empire during Unit 2? (Focus on specifics! Choose Rome, Han Dynasty China, or India.)

5. Compare the role of women in nomadic cultures with the role of women in major civilizations between 600 BCE and 600 CE.

**AP WH Unit 3: 600-1450**

1. Compare Islamic cultural and political influence on two of the following places: SE Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Swahili Coast.

2. Evaluate the extent to which the Black Death marked a turning point in the politics and economics of Eurasia.

3. Analyze the changes and continuities related to Latin American civilizations between 600 and 1450.

4. Using specific examples, analyze the causes and effects of the Mongol rule in China between 1200 and 1400.

5. Analyze the ways the people trading on the Silk Road and the Indian Ocean trade routes interacted with the environment. (Hint: how did people deal with environmental obstacles?)

**AP WH Unit 4: 1450-1750**

**\*\*\*Remember that all re-assessment is due by 4:30pm Thursday, 5/4!!\*\*\***

1. Compare the way the Colombian Exchange affected the economy of Western Europe with the way it affected the economy of East Asia.

2. To what extent was the Qing conquest of the Ming Dynasty a turning point in Asian history?

3. Analyze continuities and changes in social conditions that occurred in the Atlantic World as a result of new contacts among Western Europe, Africa, and the Americas from 1492 to 1750.

4.   Analyze the causes and effects of either Russia or Spain’s empire-building between 1450 and 1750.

5. Whose explorations between 1200 and 1750 had the biggest impact on the development of global trade, the Polynesians, the Bantu, the Europeans, or the Chinese? Give examples to support your claim.

**AP WH Period 5: 1750-1900**

1. Analyze the changes and continuities related to the economics, politics, and/or environmental interactions of the Russian and Ottoman Empires.

2. To what extent was the French Revolution a turning point in world history?

3. Compare the effects of imperialism on the social structures of two of the following places: Asia, Latin America, Oceania, or Africa.

4. What were the causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution? Use specific examples to support your claims.

5. Compare the effects of nationalism in two of the following places: The Ottoman Empire, Western Europe, Japan