**Requirements and Tips for AP World History**

1. **Read All Assigned Work**
2. **Nothing assigned is irrelevant!**

a. You can cover far more in your reading than we can in class discussion and activities.

      b. The primary source readings and analysis will help prepare you for your exam and future classes.

     c. The short reading passages and image analyses are important for success on the AP World History exam.

**2) Our constructivist approach to learning requires basic background knowledge**

    a. You cannot contribute in a meaningful way without necessary knowledge on the content.

      b. If you come to group discussions unprepared, you do not only inhibit your own learning. You let down the other members of your group because you will not be able to participate well.

c. You can't honestly think that skimming an outline or simply listening to others in class will prepare you for classroom assessments, let alone the AP exam.

1. **And don't put it off until the last minute.**
2. Learn to manage your time. This will become an absolutely essential

skill in the later part of your education.

      b. If you put it off and rush through it, you will not learn as much as you would have otherwise.

    c. The sooner you complete your reading; the sooner you can consult me or your fellow students for any clarifications.

**4) The more prepared you are, the more relaxed and confident you will feel.**

1. **Take good notes**
2. **I know you don't like them, but Cornell notes work.**
3. Be honest with yourself. You don't like them because they take more time.

      b. Be honest with yourself. They are best for reviewing what you've learned, and they require you to make meaningful connections to the content.

      c. I'll be honest with you. If you develop your own method that somehow works better for you but nevertheless includes recording essential content and making meaningful connections, you are free to take it up with me that you should be allowed to take such notes. But if you cannot defend them, don't try. Again, be honest with yourself: you probably like them not because they're as good but because they're faster. I wasn't born yesterday.

1. **Notes are important for your learning and your grade.**
2. Rereading the textbook is boring and inefficient. Good notes with good connections are much better and shorter.
3. I will not evaluate any of your notes. These are for your benefit and will help you with your overall grade.
4. **Successful Strategies for Reading your AP World Text**
5. **Look for the following vital items!**

      a. any and all **lists** (these are easy to miss because they are embedded in the narrative, but they show up again in assessment questions)

1. any and all **changes** (these are often subtle and at the end or

beginning of paragraphs but they represent a key theme)

1. anything that **caused** the changes to take place

      d. any **effects** that resulted from these changes

      e. any **thematic** words, like political, social economic, that categorize information

      f. any **comparisons** between aspects of two different cultures (including earlier cultures), groups, or individuals

      g. Write down all of you findings-This will help you stay alert and learn as you read.

**2)  Make meaningful Connections.**

1. **Read smaller amounts more often!**

    a. This will help you better absorb information

      b. This will help you stay alert and not read drowsy (which is almost as bad as not reading)

1. **Read while you are AWAKE**
   1. Never read in bed!

      b. Try to read 10-20 minutes several times a day (not 3 solid hours every 3 days)

1. Review your previous chapter notes before continuing from where you left off.
2. **Stay Positive!!!!**

**1) Realize you are not the only one feeling the way you are. Reach out for assistance. Ask Mrs. Roser, ask fellow classmates, ask former students. Remember anything that you set your mind to you can achieve, through hard work and belief in yourself!**