

Trinity Catholic High School AP World History

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Welcome to AP World History at Trinity Catholic. This course will cover (briefly) ALL the events since the beginning of time! These events will be divided into six periods and are connected through the “Themes” of World History which will help us see patterns and connections since the world began up to today. Since we cover so much material, reading will be vital. Plan on having assigned reading each night throughout the year.

We will “do” history this year as we learn about events. We will look at the causes and effects, contextualization, and continuity and change of events as well as comparing events that happened in different places or periods. AP World History will also teach you how to analyze primary and secondary sources and use them to construct a historically defensible argument that is based on historical evidence.

Finally, we will hone our geographic skills so that we can place people, places, and events on the map and see how the map has changed over time.

The goal of this course is to prepare you for the AP World History test. We will do various test prep activities throughout the year that uses the content and skills mentioned above to achieve a **5** (the top score) on an AP test.

Below is the Summer Assignment for AP World History. It will be due the first day of class.

1. Bookmark the AP World History page on AP Central. We will use this site throughout the year for resources relating to AP World History.
<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-world-history?course=ap-world-history>
2. Download the “AP World History Course and Exam Description - Fall 2019” (the “CED”) from the link above.
3. You need to purchase the “World History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination - 2020” by AMSCO and Perfection Learning. You may purchase either the e-book or the paperback from the link below. This book will supplement our text and will be a big help in preparing for the exam. <https://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/world-history-ap-exam.html>
4. You will need to read the “Introduction” at the beginning of the AMSCO book. This will answer many of the questions you will have about the AP Test.
5. Next, read *and take notes* on Period 1 (Units 1 and 2). Notes should be handwritten and may be in either a spiral notebook or three-ring binder. (Since the AP Test is all handwritten, most of what we do in class will also be handwritten)

6. Answer all *short answer* questions in Units 1 and 2. The questions and answers should be handwritten and may be in either a spiral notebook or three-ring binder.
7. On the second day of class there will be a Reading Quiz based on chapters 1 and 2, you will be able to use any handwritten notes you have taken.