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AP World History Student,

We want to first welcome you to the class and tell you how excited we are for the fall and all the interesting projects and discussion we will have. In preparation for next year, there are two assignments that you will need to complete over the summer. By completing these assignments over the summer, it will lessen your overall workload during the regular school year and make it easier for you to be successful in the class.

Our textbook next year is (Stearns, World Civilizations: The Global Experience 5e AP* Edition) The first assignment is to read chapters 1-5 of our AP World History textbook. We have included a copy of these chapters to make it easier to read. These chapters cover our first unit. In addition to reading these chapters you will need to keep Cornell notes. We have included a copy of Cornell notes taken on the first few pages to give you an example of how these should be taken. Cornell notes will be used throughout our class next year and we want you to get used to the format. Your notes need to be handwritten. Next year you will be using an online textbook, you can visit the following website: www.pearsonschool.com/access, and follow the simple steps for registering with this student access code **SSNAST-SWANK-OBEYS-SIDED-NADIR-MUSES**. Be sure to write down your user name and password, this online textbook will be utilized the entire school year for your outside textbook readings.

The second assignment is to read the book *Guns, Germs and Steel* by Jared Diamond. You will have to either purchase a copy of the book or check it out from your local library. This is a very popular book and the Clark County Library district has many copies of it. If you decide to purchase the book the best sites for used copies is www.amazon.com. At the present time the book can be bought for less than \$5.00 on these sites. In addition to reading the book, please answer the questions that are attached to the packet.

Your reading notes, and the questions for *Guns, Germs and Steel* will all be due the first day of school. If you lose your packet of information you can find a pdf version on Ms. Boivie's class website at my.ccsd.net (search for Boivie, click on AP World History). Should you have questions over the summer please email either Ms. Boivie at klboivie@interact.ccsd.net or Mrs. Brant at jbbrant@interact.ccsd.net. Have a great summer and enjoy the reading.

Sincerely,

Ms. Boivie & Mrs. Brant
AP World History Teachers