AP WORLD HISTORY

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Title of Book: *History of the World in Six Glasses,* Tom Standage

How to purchase a book:

1. Amazon
2. Barnes and Noble
3. Former students
	1. Students can join our AP World History group on Edmodo (group code is mjpejd) and ask to purchase a book from a former student.

“Six Glasses” is a book which takes an innovative approach to world history. The author looks at the development of world civilization through the prism of the beverages that people drank in various time periods. These are (in chronological order): beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola. The use of this book as a summer reading assignment in no way represents any endorsement by the teachers or staff of James Clemens High School of the use or misuse of any of these beverages, alcoholic, caffeinated or otherwise. The book merely offers an innovative and (hopefully) interesting perspective to initiate our semester long discussion of world history. Our purpose in reading the book is to get a sense of how civilizations and cultures develop and how numerous forces (political, technological, economic, social, religious, cultural, ecological) all affect even the most mundane aspects of people’s daily lives.

In addition to reading the book, the following assignments should be completed and ready to be turned in by the first day of school. If you have any questions, please email me at zcwoodfin@madisoncity.k12.al.us.

**Write an essay in MLA format that answers the following question:**

Compare and contrast the political, social, and economic impact of **two drinks** on **two regions** of the world.

Drinks (CHOOSE TWO):

* wine
* Tea
* Coca-cola
* Coffee
* Beer
* spirits

Regions (CHOOSE TWO):

* Western Europe
* East Asia
* North America
* Latin America
* Middle East

Make sure your essay includes the following:

1. A standard 5 paragraph essay
2. A thesis statement that includes what you are comparing and contrasting. This should be located in your introductory paragraph.
3. adequate discussion that compares and contrasts your two drinks and their impact on your regions
4. 3 direct, specific comparisons/contrasts that is different than your thesis
5. 6 pieces of factual evidence that help support your thesis. You DO NOT have to cite your work.
6. An analysis of your direct comparisons/contrasts, explaining why the comparison/contrast exists or what causes the comparison or contrast.