

AP World History 2017-2018
Summer Assignment Introduction Letter

Dear Students and Parents:

I am excited that you have decided to accept the challenge of taking an Advanced Placement class, which is a university-level course taught in high school. By taking this class, you should strengthen your academic, intellectual, observation, and discussion skills. Additionally, each of you will become a stronger writer from this course. I am excited to teach this class again next year and I am dedicated to providing a challenging and rewarding academic experience. Intrinsic in any AP course is an increased workload and time to review outside of class. Students should expect to spend about one hour each day on the work in the course, **in addition** to reading.

The course web site is located at www.edmodo.com. In order to enroll, students must 1. Have an Edmodo account 2. Use the following access code to enter Mrs. Admire's AP World History 2017-2018 virtual classroom: **k26g75**, & 3. connect their account to an email address so they are able to receive notifications. Once they register, they should be able to see Mrs. Admire's AP World History Class 2017-2018. There will be a tab close to the top entitled "Folders". After you click on the tab, you will see a folder titled: Summer Assignment 2017-2018. Open the folder by clicking on it. The instructions for the Summer Assignment will be in a file titled: "APWH Summer Assignment Instructions 2017-2018". Read that first. There are the directions for completing the summer assignment. Remember to scroll down to view the entire assignment. Should the access code not work, the student is denied access or "told" they need to be approved to enter the group, contact Ms. Admire at rladmire@dadeschools.net. The "classroom" is open for a two week period after it is created, then it automatically "locks". If you are attempting to enter the "Classroom" after the initial two week period, you will have to contact me and wait till I approve you to enter the "Classroom". Please send an email to alert me that you are in this position, so that I may approve you.

Part of entering an AP class is an assumption of a certain level of background knowledge and skills. With this in mind, the course requires the completion of a summer assignment. The text book, AP students will be reading next year, is entitled : Traditions & Encounters. It covers history spanning from 8000 BCE to the present time. Students entering high school should have already received instruction on the time period encompassing 8000 BCE to the rise of the Byzantine Empire. Your summer assignment will be to revisit Era 1, 8000 BCE to 600 BCE. This era covers the Foundations Period : Before History, Early Humans, Agricultural Revolution, & the First River Valley Civilizations, the first six chapters of the Traditions book. The specific assignment is detailed in Mrs. Admire's AP World History 2017-2018 virtual classroom on Edmodo.com.

During the summer break, I am available to help students via email. Students may email me at: rladmire@dadeschools.net. I will do my best to respond within a reasonable amount of time. However, I will be travelling extensively this summer. If you email, please be specific about who you are and what exactly you need help with. Please also note, I am not an administrator. I am unable to change your schedule. You must contact RMEC before July 1st, for any changes. I am looking forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leon-Admire