



AP World History Pre-Course Assignment 2009-10

If you have any questions about the Pre-course assignment, you may contact Mrs. Houstian or Mr. Hussey over the summer by e-mail at choustian@aacps.org or Mr. Hussey at bhussey@aacps.org.

In order to complete the pre-course assignment, you will need to purchase The Princeton Review's Cracking the AP World History Exam. (New York: Random House, 2009). Previous editions of the book (from 2005 on) are also acceptable. You will find this text useful throughout the entire course, both as a tool for review, and also for helpful tips and strategies. You will need to bring in your copy of the Princeton Review on the first day of class for credit. You may use a copy of the book obtained from siblings or friends who took the class in the past five years. The book is also widely available in major bookstores (Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc.)

PART I. Using the Princeton Review, locate and define the following terms from Chapter 6. Your definitions need to be in full sentences, typed, on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Foraging Societies
2. Neolithic Revolution
3. Pastoral societies
4. Bronze Age
5. City-States
6. Mesopotamia
7. Assyrians
8. Polytheistic
9. Ziggurats
10. Code of Hammurabi
11. Hittites
12. Great Royal Road
13. Persian Empire
14. Lydians
15. Phoenicians
16. Hebrews
17. Nile River
18. New Kingdom, Egypt
19. Indus Valley
20. Bantu Migration
21. Mauryan Empire
22. Buddhism
23. Gupta Empire
24. Qin Dynasty
25. Han Dynasty
26. Polis
27. Athens
28. Sparta
29. Persian Wars
30. Delian League
31. Aristotle
32. Macedonians
33. Alexander the Great
34. Roman Republic
35. Plebians and Patricians
36. Roman Empire
37. Punic Wars
38. Constantine
39. Silk Road

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PART II.

Using the “Major Belief Systems” described in the Princeton Review complete the following table. You will need to reproduce the table in MS Word since your responses need to be typed.

	Cultures that practice(d) this religion	Major Beliefs	Broader Impact (social, political, economic results)
Polytheism			
Confucianism			
Legalism			
Daoism			
Hinduism			
Buddhism			
Judaism			
Christianity			
Islam			