

## AP World History Summer Assignment

This assignment must be done in a spiral notebook. It cannot be typed. It must be done in INK, not pencil. Answers should be in complete sentences. The length of most answers will be at least a large paragraph. The only source should be the AP World History textbook. This assignment is due on the first day of school.

1. Discuss the Agricultural Revolution. How did agriculture spread?
2. Discuss the characteristics a society must have in order to be considered a “civilization”.
3. Discuss how some civilizations developed complex societies and sophisticated cultural traditions.
4. Why are the Phoenicians important?
5. Discuss the Indo-European migrations.
6. Discuss the Bantu migrations.
7. Discuss the origins of the caste system.
8. How does Persia exhibit the characteristics of a centralized imperial state?
9. Discuss how the tenets of Zoroastrianism influenced later religions.
10. Discuss the different solutions that Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism proposed to end the period of the Warring states in China.
11. The Qin dynasty was the shortest dynasty in Chinese history. Why is it also one of the most important?
12. Why did India have such a difficult time maintaining centralized authority?
13. Discuss the development of Hinduism and Buddhism in India.
14. How did Alexander the Great influence the development of the Mediterranean and Persian worlds?
15. Discuss the major Greek philosophies.
16. Your textbook discusses “religions of salvation”. How are they important?
17. How does the small city-state of Rome come to dominate the entire Mediterranean world?
18. How does Rome transition from republic to empire?
19. The period from 27 BCE to 180 CE is known as the Pax Romana (Roman Peace). Discuss specific evidence of what this means.
20. The Silk Roads (land and sea) are very important in world history. Discuss how the Silk Roads influenced trade, the spread of religion, and the spread of disease.
21. Discuss the multiple reasons why the Roman Empire and the Han Empire fell.
22. The period from the late 500’s to the 1200’s is seen as a golden age in China (Sui, Tang and Song dynasties). Discuss the technological, economic, and religious aspects of this golden age.
23. Discuss the feudal system in medieval Japan.
24. Islam begins in the early 600’s. Discuss the tenets, the split, the expansion of this religion and how trade was influenced by the Islamic empire.
25. How did Islam make inroads into India?
26. Discuss the Indian Ocean trade network. How did the monsoons affect trade and how was the caste system impacted by this?

27. How did India influence Southeast Asia?
28. How did the Byzantine Empire come about and what were its achievements?
29. Why were the Franks and the Vikings important?
30. Discuss the differences between eastern Europe and western Europe in the time period between 500 CE and 1000 CE.
31. Discuss the first split of Christianity which occurred in 1054 CE.

Questions 1-7 come from Unit 1.

Questions 8-21 come from Unit 2.

Questions 22-31 come from Unit 3.

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