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Date: 6/22/17

To: Advanced Placement Students and Parents/Guardians

From: Mr. Londis, AP Teacher

RE: AP World History Summer Assignment Requirement

Dear: Students and Parents/ Guardians

My name is Mr. Londis, and I am the AP World History Teacher at Riverside High School. I would like to start off by thanking you for signing up for AP World History and accepting the academic challenge. Below I have included a brief description of the course, expectations, and the summer assignment requirement.

AP World History is a challenging but fun course that focuses on the interaction between diverse human societies primarily over the past one thousand years. The objective is for students to develop a greater comparative understanding of the causes and effects of such interactions upon different classes of peoples in different areas.

Students will be expected to take extensive notes, be prepared to participate in classroom discussions, and write a number of analytical, comparative and document based essays.

Due to the challenging nature of the course, preparation is a vital and necessary part of the Advanced Placement curriculum. One of the most challenging areas for many sophomores in AP World History is the quantity of reading that will be assigned and must be completed. Quizzes will follow reading assignments on a regular basis. It is important for students to develop and maintain consistent study

habits due to the rigor and intense pacing of the course. Student must do their part if they expect to achieve success in a college level course.

AP Central

Go to this website-- www.apcentral.collegeboard.com --and sign in to become a member. Then go to the World History section and take a look at the course. This will be a useful tool throughout the year

Summer Assignment

The Summer Assignment Packet for APWH has already been given to your son or daughter.

This packet includes six parts:

- A. Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond with guided reading questions to be completed.
- B. Common World History Vocabulary assignment
- C. FREEMAN- PEDIA use www.freeman-pedia.com/ Foundations to 600 BCE complete chart
- D. An Evening with John Green questions on five historical topics
- E. Birth of the Written Word questions
- F. Chapter 1 from *Traditions and Encounters online textbook* completing SPRITEG chart on River Valleys and CIVILIZATIONS 2.0 SPRITEG chart.

Note: Students should prepare to spend several weeks to complete the summer assignment.

Please keep in mind that the Summer Assignment must be completed **FULLY**.

If this work is not complete you be removed from the AP course.

There will also be a quiz the first day of class regarding Jared Diamond's book.

Have a great summer looking forward to seeing you in September.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mr. Londis", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Londis