

## **Honors World History 2019-2020 Summer Assignment**

Welcome to Honors World History at Zachary High School for 2019-2020. Your summer assignment for WH-Honors consists of 2 parts: 1)enroll in the Remind text system for the course and 2)summer reading of A History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tom Standage with an accompanying assignment.

### Part I

Enroll in the “Remind” group for Honors World History by doing the following:

- send a text to 81010 with the message @d9ce2
- you should enroll in Remind by August 1, 2019

### Part II

Book: A History of the World in Six Glasses

Author: Tom Standage

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### Availability:

Book can be purchased at Barnes and Noble, Books-a-Million, and at a wide variety of on-line sources (and is also available on kindle and nook for those of you who prefer to read by that method-an actual paper copy might be to your advantage though so that you can take notes in the book). The EBRP library may also have a limited number of copies available for check out.

### Assignment:

A History of the World in Six Glasses is a widely-read book among Honors and AP World History students. The book is a cultural history of the world which traces history by analyzing the role of six main beverages during various time periods: beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola. (Please note that you are too young to legally sample the first three!) The book is organized chronologically which allows each beverage to tell the story of a period through local stories, global processes, and connections. In studying drinks, as with food, class and social structure are emphasized allowing for a social historical perspective. World History revolves around five themes as well as understanding the processes of change and continuity over time. The five course themes are: interaction between humans and the environment; development and interaction between cultures; state-building, expansion, and conflict; creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems; development and transformation of social structures. As you read the book analyze the information related to each beverage’s role in history and how the themes are related. The themes will be discussed in detail during the first days of class in August and will continue to emerge all year during our analysis of the world’s history. A more detailed explanation of the themes is attached to this assignment for reference.

### Directions

- Read the book and answer the discussion questions that are attached to this assignment packet. It is to your benefit to take notes or highlight while reading the book (if the book belongs to you of course). The book and its topics and examples will also be the subject of discussion during the first few days of school including in-class questions and assignments so you will want to have information to fall back on.
- Assignment Preparation and Due Date: The assignment should be typed using standard MLA format: Times New Roman font (12 size), 1” margins, double-spaced, etc. A hard copy of the assignment must be submitted no later than Monday, August 12, 2019 in order to be considered for full credit. Late assignments will be accepted until Friday, August 16, 2019 but will have a letter-grade deduction for each day that the assignment is late. Be sure to also submit a copy of the assignment electronically via my moodle page.
- A Note About Plagiarism: This is independent work! Assignments which are shared among students in class or which include information that may have been gleaned from the internet will be considered plagiarism and will receive a “0” for a grade as well as result in the student(s) being referred for academic dishonesty. This does not mean that you can’t discuss the reading with your classmates but the work that you should submit should be your own. In submitting this assignment, you are pledging that the work is the result of only your effort.
- Assignment Value: 75 points

Enjoy the book and enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing you when the new school year begins in August!

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## Honors World History-Summer Assignment 2019-2020

### Reading Questions for A History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tom Standage

Directions: As you read, answer the following questions for each chapter. Do NOT retype questions and answer them with fragments or bullet points-all questions should be answered using complete sentences! Your answers need to be thorough but do not need to be lengthy-for most questions 3 to 4 sentences should suffice (some even one or two) EXCEPT for the summary questions where a longer response is specifically requested. Be sure to **cite** page numbers to support your answers and for quotes or paraphrases that you may use. You should produce quality work!

### **Reading Questions**

#### **Chapter 1: A Stone Age Brew**

Note: The first four chapters deal with the early foundations of civilizations and classical civilizations, roughly from the beginning of the Neolithic Revolution around 8,000 BCE to the end of the Classical Era around 600 CE.

1. What were the consequences of the Neolithic Revolution (aka Agricultural Revolution)?
2. Farming led to a surplus food supply (Yes!). Explain the developments which occurred as a result of the food surplus.
3. What is the relationship of beer to the growth and development of these early civilizations? Give specific examples of how beer led to elements of civilization such as writing, government, etc. This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

#### **Chapter 2: Civilized Beer**

4. Why is Sumer important to the history of mankind?
5. Our modern Latin alphabet can be traced back to what 2 ancient civilizations?
6. Explain how beer had civilizing influences and shaped the development of Mesopotamia and Egypt. This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

#### **Chapter 3: The Delight of Wine**

7. How did the Greeks influence “Western” civilization?
8. What was the importance of the symposium? How did it influence Greek culture?

9. Explain the importance of wine in the transmission of Greek culture throughout the Mediterranean and Asia. This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter

#### **Chapter 4: The Imperial Wine**

10. What impact do the Greek and Roman cultures have on modern American and European cultures? This should be a longer response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

#### **Chapter 5: High Spirits, High Seas**

Note: This chapter begins with events in the postclassical era (the Arab caliphates) and continues through the Early Modern Era of European exploration and to the “Modern Era”.

11. How did ancient Arab achievements lead to European exploration?
12. How did rum play a part in making Great Britain the supreme naval power in Europe?
13. Explain how rum played a role in Europe gaining world power. This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

#### **Chapter 6: The Drinks that Built America**

14. Why did whiskey replace rum as the American drink?
15. What role did spirits play in the treatment of Native Americans?

#### **Chapter 7: The Great Soberer**

16. Why did coffee become a preferred drink over alcoholic beverages?
17. How was coffee introduced to the Americas?

#### **Chapter 8: Coffeehouse and the Internet**

18. Why were coffeehouses an important part of culture in London, England?
19. How did the coffeehouses affect the development of science?
20. What do today’s coffeehouses have in common with those discussed in the book?  
(Yay for finally having coffeehouses in Zachary! Coffeeholics, unite!)

#### **Chapter 9: Empires of Tea**

21. How was tea used before it became an accepted beverage?
22. What factors made tea a popular drink in Europe?

#### **Chapter 10: Tea Power**

23. Define the Industrial Revolution-what was it, what were its consequences?

24. Describe the Opium Wars.
25. What caused the Chinese civilization to “fall”?
26. Why did Britain want to grow tea in India?
27. How did the British Empire influence the production and consumption of tea?  
This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

### **Chapter 11: From Soda to Cola**

28. What ingredients did Pemberton add to soda water? Why did he give up making French Wine Coca?

### **Chapter 12: Globalization in a Bottle**

29. Explain how Coca Cola and World War II go together.
30. How did communist countries respond to Coke’s global message? How was Coke affected by the fall of the Iron Curtain?
31. Explain globalization and why Coke is an example of globalization. This should be a longer summary response of 1-2 paragraphs covering the entire chapter.

### **Epilogue**

32. Explain the different ways in which developing and developed nations view water.
33. In what ways can water be a cause of war? In what ways is it a catalyst for peace?

### **Other:**

34. Read the following quote from the book and explain whether or not you agree or disagree. Be certain to support your argument with specific examples.

“Distilled drinks, alongside firearms and infectious diseases, helped to reshape the modern world by helping the inhabitants of the Old World to establish themselves as rulers of the New World.”

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