

AP World History Summer Assignments

Reading:

Read Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Many copies of the book are available in the public library this summer as part of their summer reading program. You can also find the book online at leading retailers or at Barnes & Noble.

Take notes as you read. Use any format with which you feel comfortable, but organize your notes in a way to where they will be helpful to you on the first day of class in discussion and on the quiz over the book.

As you read, focus on the importance of education in the regions discussed. How do the students see education? What are their educational goals? How available is education to the children there? What are the obstacles to children in gaining an education?

Geography:

Create a poster-sized map of the world. Complete the following on the map using a recent atlas:

1. Label all continents and oceans
2. Label all major waterways of the world (Significant Seas, Rivers, Gulfs)
3. Label 3 significant land features for each continent (with the exception of Antarctica)
4. Label the geography of Three Cups of Tea, including the country of Pakistan, the region of Baltistan, and the village of Korphe
5. Label the geography of our school, including the country, state, and city
6. Label the following current world events:
 - a. Conflict in Iraq & Afghanistan
 - b. Conflict in the Middle East (Israel)
 - c. One current event of choice per continent (with the exception of Antarctica)

Global Service Project:

Visit www.penniesforpeace.org to learn more about the Pennies for Peace program started by Greg Mortenson. Investigate the ways in which our class could help support this program in the coming year, and create a list of your ideas for class service projects. Design a penny collecting box to begin this first global service project on the first day of school.

Keep in mind that while pennies are not worth much here, in Afghanistan and Pakistan:

- 1 penny = one pencil
- 2 pennies = one eraser
- \$2-3 = one teacher's salary for a day
- \$20 = one student's school supplies for one year
- \$600 = one teacher's annual salary
- \$5000 = support for an existing school for one year
- \$50,000 = one school building and support for up to five years

Essay Writing:

Investigate writing thesis statements and essays. There are many online college sites created that provide good instruction on how to write and develop thesis statements, as well as how to create a complete essay. Be prepared to write a thesis statement on Day 1!

Have a great summer!