

Honors World History 2018-19 Summer Assignments

Welcome to Honors World History! I am looking forward to a great year. In order to prepare for the course I am asking all students to complete the following assignments:

1. First an foremost:

Introduce yourself to Mr. Bruner during the final two weeks of school during break or lunch (May 28-June 7) to obtain a Google Classroom code. If you do not introduce yourself Mr. Bruner will be very sad.

2. Required Reading/Course Work:

(•) *This Fleeting World* by: David Christian

This Fleeting World is a short history of human beings that somehow crams an immense amount of information into just over one hundred pages. The book is meant to give context to the course and will be used as the basis for an essay.

(..) *Learning How to Learn* on Coursera:

This 4 week online course is meant to ready you for tackling the challenging concepts that will be presented next year. I wish I would have taken this course in high school, or at the very least at some point in college. The course blends the science of the brain with practical skills that will help you not just in my class but in any class you take. In fact, many of the concepts are applicable to learning any skill in life.

3. Due on the first day of school:

(a) Read *This Fleeting World* and **write a 5 paragraph essay** based on the following prompt.

Prompt: History is a long complex web of process that involve people, their ideas, and the environment in which they live. In a five paragraph essay answer one of the following questions using specific evidence (cited) from *This Fleeting World*:

1. How has the changing relationship between human beings and the physical and natural environment affected human life from early times to the present? (Humans and the environment)
2. Why have relations among humans become so complex since early times? (Humans and other humans)
3. How have human views of the world, nature, and the cosmos changed? (Humans and ideas)

(b) Complete *Learning How to Learn* on Coursera:

First, go to Google Classroom and follow the url to the course homepage. There will be an extra set of direction on Google Classroom that will explain how to sign up for the course, and how to navigate through it. When you are done, print out a confirmation of course completion and bring it class on the first day of school.

(c) There will be an exam on topics covered in both *This Fleeting World* and *Learning How To Learn* on the first day of school. The exam will include key term identification and short answer essay questions.