

# A.P. World History: Modern – Summer Reading

## Step 1: Obtain Amsco review book

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/world-history-ap-exam.html>

I provided this website so you know what the book is entitled and the ISBN number. However, please know it is perfectly fine to buy this book on other sites, buy it used, or get it from a friend who took the class already. This review book will be one of the main resources you use to prepare for assessments throughout the year.

## Step 2: Optional Reading

This course covers historical developments from the year 1200 C.E. through the present. However, history of course did not start in the year 1200! Events and developments from the centuries and millennia BEFORE 1200 continued to influence the politics, economics, culture, and social structures of the various regions we will cover. Therefore, it is recommended that you read about the following concepts that belong to the period before 1200. This background knowledge will empower you to better anticipate and access the curriculum, and the increased content knowledge will lead to higher scores on quizzes, tests, and essays.

This list of recommended articles should NOT be treated as an all or nothing endeavor. Read some or all of the articles. Read some or all of each individual article. The more the better . . . but something is much better than nothing!

1. Agricultural revolution: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/History\\_of\\_agriculture](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/History_of_agriculture)
2. Patriarchy: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/patriarchy>
3. Eurasian nomads: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurasian\\_nomads](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurasian_nomads)
4. Hinduism: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Hinduism>
5. Judaism: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Judaism>
6. Buddhism: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Buddhism>
7. Confucianism: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Confucianism>
8. Mandate of Heaven: <https://www.thoughtco.com/the-mandate-of-heaven-195113>
9. Christianity: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/History\\_of\\_Christianity](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/History_of_Christianity)
10. Byzantine Empire: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Byzantine\\_Empire](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Byzantine_Empire)
11. Mayans: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Mayan\\_Civilization](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Mayan_Civilization)
12. Islam: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Islam>
13. Abbasid Caliphate: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Abbasids>
14. Song Dynasty: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Song\\_Dynasty](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Song_Dynasty)
15. Indian Ocean Trade Routes: <https://www.thoughtco.com/indian-ocean-trade-routes-195514>
16. Silk Road: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Silk\\_Road](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Silk_Road)
17. Feudalism: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Feudalism>
18. Mamluk Turks: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Mamluks>
19. Crusades: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/The\\_Crusades](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/The_Crusades)
20. Reconquista: <https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Reconquista>
21. Malacca Sultanate: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Malacca\\_Sultanate](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Malacca_Sultanate)
22. Mongol Empire: [https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Mongol\\_Empire](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Mongol_Empire)