



Pocono Mountain School District

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Honors World History Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Honors World History Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in the Honors World History course. Honors history classes are designed to be more rigorous and challenging than the standard required history classes. It is important for students and parents to know that these courses will require more complex reading and writing assignments throughout the school year; as well as, summer reading assignments with a specific writing component.

Students who have enrolled in Honors World History will be required to read Chapter 1 and Chapters 29 – 40 from *A Little History of The World* written by E.H. Gombrich. This book is available through libraries, bookstores, and online websites. It can also be available through a link on the district website <http://www.pmsd.org/Page/889>.

Upon completion of the reading assignment, students are expected to write **5 or 6 historical facts** (not just random details) from chapters 29 through 40. These facts should cover the **main ideas** of the chapter. All facts must be written in your own words. Do not copy sentences directly from the book. If you have trouble doing this, re-read the chapter, highlighting or taking notes, then write your 5 or 6 main ideas.

Example: Chapter 34 – French Revolution

1. King Louis XVI did not care about Enlightenment ideas.
2. Noble landowners could do whatever they wanted and treated the peasants poorly.
3. Etc. . .

This assignment will be worth 10% of your first marking period grade and is due by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Smith
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