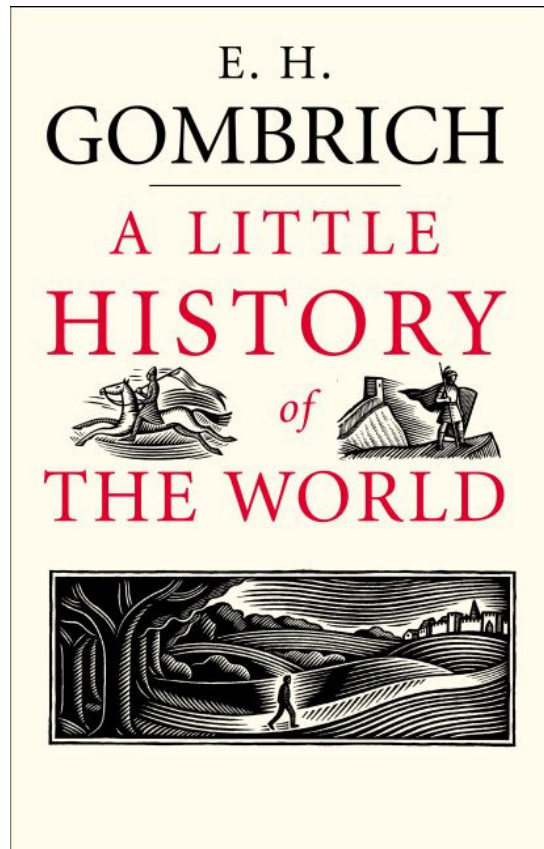


World History AP (WHAP) Summer Reading Assignment
2009



The book we have chosen for your reading pleasure was written by E.H Gombrich in 1935 for his grandchildren. As you read, you will realize that is intended for younger audiences. You will find it to be an extremely easy read as the information is presented in much more colorful "storybook" manner. In addition to reading the text, we are requiring you to identify certain concepts. Throughout the course of the year we will address these concepts as well as many others.

Attached is a website in which you may read the book online. This is perfect for students who are more inclined to read on a computer than a book. Just remember, you get what you pay for. Since the online version is free, you will notice it is missing a couple of pages. Even though these pages are not essential to understanding the text, if you would prefer to purchase the book, you can find it at any major book store. Also, the San Antonio Public Library has a few in stock.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Website: Google Books- A Little History of the World

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“A Little History of the World “
Summer Reading Assignment

Read and identify the following concepts. Each Identification needs to answer who or what, where, when, and why it is important.

1. Once Upon a Time

1. History-

2. The Greatest Inventors of All Time

1. The Heidelberg Jaw-
2. Neanderthal man-
3. Prehistory-
4. Fire-
5. Tools-
6. Cavemen-
7. Language-
8. Painting-
9. Pile Dwellings-
10. The Bronze Age-
11. People Like you and me (Cro-Magnon)-

3. The land of the Nile

1. King Menes (3100bc)-
2. Egypt-
3. A hymn to the Nile-
4. Pharaohs-
5. Pyramids-
6. Egyptian Religion-
7. Old Kingdom-
8. Akhenaton's reforms-

4. Sunday, Monday

1. Mesopotamia -
2. The Burial sites at Ur-
3. Cuneiform-
4. Hammurabi's Law-
5. The origin of the days of the week-
6. Tower of Babel-
7. Nebuchadnezzar-

5. The One and Only God

1. Palestine-
2. Abraham of Ur -
3. The Flood-
4. Moses-
5. Saul-
6. David-
7. Solomon-
8. Israel-
9. Babylonian Captivity-

10. Old Testament-

6. I C-A-N R-E-A-D

1. Writing the alphabet-
2. The phoenicians-

7. Heroes and Their Weapons

1. The Song of Homer-
2. Schliemann's excavations-
3. Sea Raider Kings-
4. Crete and the labyrinth-
5. The Dorian Migration-
6. The songs of the Heroes (Iliad)-
7. Greek tribes and their colonies-

8. An Unequal Struggle

1. The Persians and their Faith-
2. Cyrus conquers Babylon-
3. Cambyses in Egypt-
4. Darius's Empire-
5. The Ionian Revolt-
6. The first Punitive Expedition-
7. The second Punitive Expedition-
8. Battle of Marathon-
9. Xerxes campaign-
10. Thermopylae
11. The Battle of Salamis-

9. Two Small Cities in One Small Land

1. The Olympic Games-
2. The Delphic Oracle-
3. Sparta and the Spartans-
4. Athens-
5. Draco and Solon-
6. The people's Assembly and Tyrants-
7. The time of Pericles-
8. Philosophy-
9. Sculpture and Painting-
10. Architecture-
11. Theatre-

10. The Enlightened One and His Land

1. Mohenjo-Daro-
2. The Indian Migrations-
3. Indo-European Languages-
4. Castes-
5. Brahma and the transmigration of souls-
6. Prince Gautama-
7. The Enlightenment-
8. Nirvana-

11. A Great Teacher of a Great People

1. China in a time before Christ-
2. Son of Heaven-
3. Chinese Writing-
4. Confucius-
5. The importance of practices and customs-
6. The family-
7. Ruler and the subject-
8. Lao-tzu-
9. The tao-

12. The Greatest Adventure of All

1. The Peloponnesian War-
2. Philip of Macedon-
3. The Decline of the Persian Empire-
4. Alexander the Great-
5. Aristotle-
6. Diogenes-
7. Alexandria-
8. Hellenism-

13. New Wars and New Warriors

1. Romulus and Remus-
2. 12 Tablets of Law-
3. The Roman Character-
4. Pyrrhus-
5. Carthage-
6. The First Punic Wars-
7. Hannibal-
8. Conquest of Greece-
9. Cato-
10. The destruction of Carthage-

14. An Enemy of History

1. The Emperor Shih Huang ti of China-
2. The naming of China-
3. The Great Wall of China-
4. The Han ruling family-
5. Learned officials-

15. Rulers of the Western World

1. Roman provinces-
2. Roads and Aqueducts-
3. Legions-
4. The two Gracchi-
5. Bread and Circuses-
6. Marius-
7. Sulla-
8. Gladiators-
9. Julius Caesar-
10. The Gallic Wars-
11. Cleopatra-

12. Caesar's Murder-
13. Augustus and the empire-
14. The arts-

16. The Good News

1. Jesus Christ-
2. The teachings of the apostle Paul-
3. The Cross-
4. The cult of the emperor-
5. Nero-
6. The first Christian Persecutions-
7. The catacombs-
8. Titus destroys Jerusalem-
9. The dispersal of the Jews-

17. Life in the Empire and at its Frontiers

1. Tenements and Villas-
2. The Colosseum-
3. The Germans-
4. Trajan's expeditions -
5. Marcus Aurelius-
6. The spread of Christianity-
7. Diocletian's reforms-
8. The last Christian persecution-
9. Constantine-
10. Constantinople-
11. The division of empire-

18. The Storm

1. The Huns-
2. The Visigoths-
3. Attila-
4. Leo the Great-
5. Romulus Augustulus-
6. Odoacer-
7. The Ostrogoths-
8. Justinian-
9. the Hagia Sophia-
10. The Lombards-

19. The Starry Night Begins

1. Dark Ages-
2. Benedictines-
3. Clovis-
4. Merovingian Kingdom-

20. There is No God but Allah, and Muhammad is His Prophet

1. The Arabian Desert-
2. Mecca and the Kaaba-
3. Muhammad-
4. Medina-
5. The battle with Mecca-

6. Conquests of Palestine, Persia, and Egypt-
7. Siege of Constantinople-
8. Conquests of North Africa-
9. Battles of Tours and Poitiers-
10. Arab Culture-
11. Arabic Numerals-

21. A Conqueror Who Knows how to Rule

1. The Merovingians and their stewards-
2. The kingdom of the Franks-
3. Charlemagne-
4. Battles with the Saxons-
5. The crowning of the Emperor-
6. Harun Al Rashid's Ambassadors-
7. The Division of Empire-
8. The Vikings-
9. The Kingdom of the Normans-

22. A Struggle to become Lord of Christendom

1. East vs West-
2. Blossoming of culture in China-
3. The Magyar invasion-
4. King Henry-
5. Otto the Great-
6. Feudalism and Serfdom-
7. Hugh Capet-
8. Religious appointments-
9. The investiture controversy-
10. Gregory VII and Henry IV
11. William the Conqueror-

23. Chivalrous Knights

1. Horsemen and knights-
2. castles-
3. bondsmen-
4. a knights' duties-
5. Minstrelsy-
6. Tournaments-
7. Chivalrous poetry-
8. The First Crusade-
9. The significance of the crusades-

24. Emperors in the Age of Chivalry

1. Frederick Barbarossa-
2. Barter and the money based economy-
3. Italian towns
4. The empire-
5. The resistance and the defeat of Milan-
6. The third crusade-
7. Frederick II-
8. Innocent II
9. The Magna Carta-

10. Ghengis Khan and the Mongol invasion-

11. House of Habsburg-

25. Cities and Citizens

1. Markets and towns-

2. Merchants and knights-

3. Guilds-

4. Cathedrals-

5. Persecution of Jews and Heretics-

6. The Babylonian Captivity of the popes-

7. The Hundred Years War-

8. Joan of Arc-

9. Life at Court-

10. Universities-

26. A New Age

1. The burghers of Florence-

2. Humanism-

3. The rebirth of antiquity-

4. The flowering of Art-

5. Leonardo Di Vinci-

6. The Medici-

7. Renaissance Popes-

8. New ideas in Germany

9. The art of printing

10. gunpowder-

11. Fighting in Italy-

12. Maximilian and Durer-

27. A New World

1. The compass-

2. Spain and the conquest of Granada-

3. Columbus and Isabella-

4. The discovery of America-

5. The Modern Era-

6. Columbus's fate-

7. The conquistadores-

8. Hernando Cortez-

9. Mexico-

10. The fall of Montezuma-

11. The Portuguese in Italy-

28. A New Faith

1. Luther's theses-

2. Jon Hus-

3. The burning of the papal bull-

4. Charles V and his empire-

5. The sack of Rome-

6. The Diet of Worms-

7. Luther at Wartburg-

8. The translation of the Bible-

9. Zwingli-

10. Calvin-
11. Henry VIII-
12. Turkish conquests-
13. The Division of Empire-

29. The Church at War

1. Ignatius of Loyola-
2. The Council of Trent-
3. The Counter Reformation-
4. The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre-
5. Phillip of Spain-
6. Elizabeth of England-
7. Mary Stuart-
8. The sinking of the Armada-
9. English Trading posts in America-
10. The East India Companies-
11. The beginning of the British Empire-

30. Terrible Times

1. The Thirty Years War-
2. The Peace of Westphalia-
3. The devastation of Germany-
4. The Persecution of the witches-
5. Nature's Laws-
6. Galileo and his trial-

31. An Unlucky King and a Lucky King

1. Charles I-
2. Cromwell and the Puritans-
3. The Glorious Revolution-
4. Richelieu's Policies-
5. Mazarin-
6. Louis XIV-
7. Versailles-
8. Predatory Wars-

32. Meanwhile, Looking Eastwards...

1. Turkish conquests-
2. The Siege of Vienna-
3. Ivan the Terrible-
4. Peter the Great-
5. St. Petersburg-
6. Charles XII of Sweden-
7. Russia-

33. A Truly New Age

1. The Enlightenment
2. Prussia-
3. Frederick the Great-
4. Maria Theresa-
5. The Grand Coalition-
6. The Seven Years War-

7. Joseph II-
8. The American War of Independence-
9. Benjamin Franklin-
10. Human rights and slavery-

34. A Very Violent Revolution

1. Catherine the Great-
2. Louis XV and XVI-
3. The Rococo-
4. Marie Antoinette-
5. Estates General-
6. Bastille-
7. National Assembly-
8. The Jacobins-
9. The guillotine-
10. Danton-
11. Robespierre-
12. The Reign of Terror-
13. The Directory-

35. The Last Conqueror

1. Napoleon-
2. Egyptian expedition-
3. The Coup d'état-
4. The Code of Napoleon-
5. End of the Holy Roman Empire-
6. Continental System-
7. Spanish Resistance-
8. The German uprising-
9. The Congress of Vienna-
10. Waterloo-
11. St. Helena-

36. Men and Machines

1. Steam engines, steamships, locomotives, the telegraph-
2. Spinning Machines and mechanical looms-
3. Coal and Iron-
4. Luddites-
5. Socialist ideas-
6. Marx and his theory of class war-

37. Across the Seas

1. China before 1800-
2. The Opium War-
3. The Taiping Rebellion-
4. China's Submission-
5. Japan in 1850-
6. Revolution and support of the Mikado-
7. Japan's modernization with foreign assistance-
8. America after 1776-
9. The North-
10. Abraham Lincoln-

11. The Civil War-

38. Two New States in Europe

1. Europe after 1848-
2. The Emperor Franz Josef and Austria-
3. The German Confederation-
4. France under Napoleon III-
5. Russia-
6. Spain's decline-
7. The liberation of the peoples of the Balkans-
8. The fight for Constantinople-
9. The kingdom of Sardinia-
10. Cavour-
11. Garibaldi-
12. Bismarck-
13. The reform of the army in defiance of the constitution-
14. The founding of the German Empire-

39. Dividing Up the World

1. Industry-
2. Market and sources of raw materials-
3. Britain and France-
4. The Russo-Japanese War-
5. Italy and Germany-
6. The race to mobilize-
7. Austria and the East-
8. The outbreak of WWI-
9. New Weapons-
10. Revolution in Russia-
11. The American intervention-
12. The terms of peace-
13. Scientific advance-
14. End-

40. The Small Part of the History of the world Which I have Lived Through Myself: Looking Back

1. The growth of the world's population-
2. Defeat of the Central Powers during WWI-
3. The incitement of the masses-
4. Disappearance of tolerance from political life in Germany, Italy, Japan, and Soviet Union-
5. Economic Crisis-
6. WWII-
7. Propaganda and reality-
8. The murder of the Jews-
9. the Atomic Bomb-
10. The blessings of science-
11. collapse of the communist system-
12. International aid efforts as a reason for hope-