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The purpose of this summer assignment is to help prepare 9th graders to prepare for the academically challenging AP World History Curriculum. The test is challenging and our preparation for it is challenging. In order to expedite your knowledge of key concepts, terms, themes and skills, this guideline will help prepare you.

1. Codified Norms/Laws- most of world history has been based on norms, or behavior that is expected from people Codified laws (which often help establish the norms) have existed for thousands of years. Your investigation will help expose you to some of the more significant ones and how they relate to AP themes. (see attached worksheets in this packet for the actual documents.)

Political Codes

- a. Hammurabi's Code
- b. Roman 12 Tables
- c. Confucius Analects
- d. Napoleonic Code
- e. Declaration of Independence

Religious Codes:

- a. Koran/Sharia Law
- b. Upanishad's /Rig Vedas
- c. 10 Commandments/Old Testament/Torah
- d. Noble Eightfold Path/Four Noble Truths

2. Primary Sources:

- a. Declaration of the Rights of Man
- b. Leviathan, Thomas Hobbes
- c. Two Treaties, John Locke
- d. On Faith, Thomas Aquinas
- e. 95 Thesis, Martin Luther

f. On the Planetary Motion of Concentric Circles, Nick Copernicus

Films:

Inconvenient Truth- Man's Impact on the Environment

Dry White Season- Apartheid (social inequality/hierarchy) in South African

Gladiator- Social class division, Ancient Rome

Joy Luck Club- Chinese Revolution

Slumdog Millionaire- Social Hierarchy, Impacts of Colonialism

Born in Brothers- gender inequality in India

Schindler's List- Religious Discrimination

Gandhi- Impacts of Colonialism

Romero-Role of Christianity in Latin America

Elizabeth I - Impact of Absolutism