

GLOBAL HISTORY 9 HONORS: SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to the exciting world of Global History! Climb aboard the Global Express and prepare to take an excursion around the world in 180 days, starting NOW! This assignment will serve as your boarding pass to the Global History Honors program. It will give you the opportunity to explore the various cultures of the world in all their glorious diversity.

Overview:

You will be responsible for locating, reading and analyzing three current event news stories based on a global theme of your choice: geography and the environment, culture, belief systems, or movement of people and goods. Definitions are below.

- **Culture** addresses all aspects of the way people live. Culture includes such elements as food, clothing, entertainment, religion, the arts, customs, traditions etc.
- **Geography** is defined as the study of the earth's features (landforms, climate, resources, etc.) and its people.
- A **Belief System** is the religion or philosophy shared by a group of people.
- The **Movement of People and Goods** refers to the exchange of people, ideas, products, technologies and institutions from one region or civilization to another.

REMEMBER YOU ARE ONLY CHOOSING *ONE* OF THE ABOVE THEMES

Task:

- Locate 3 news stories from the following regions: Latin America, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the Far East. (If you are unfamiliar with these regions you should consult an Atlas! You may not use any article about the United States) Each article must be from a separate region.
 - The articles must be from reputable papers or news magazines such as the *New York Times*, *Journal News*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Time Magazine* etc. and should be of significant length so that they thoroughly address the topic. (Articles from online sources or papers such as the *Daily News*, *the New York Post* or any tabloid will not be accepted.)
 - After having read the articles you must write a response paper in which you:
 - *First Paragraph:* Summarize the content of each article. Include the date and source of each article.
 - *Second Paragraph:* Describe what these articles reveal to you about the theme you have selected. Identify the similarities or dissimilarities you see among the regions. Evaluate the effect that your theme has had on each region.
- Challenge yourself and go above and beyond with the third paragraph (not required)**
- *Third Paragraph:* Select another theme from the list above that was mentioned in one of your articles. Explain the connection of the two themes within the region.

- All papers should reflect an understanding of the chosen theme, thoughtful consideration of the articles chosen and a careful analysis. Do your best work!
- Papers should be 1- 1 1/2 pages typed (double-spaced with a 12 point font) for each article. (Total pages = 3-5)
- Submit a copy of each article with your written work.

The summer assignment is due on the first day of class. In addition to being a requirement it will also count as a test grade.

If you have questions regarding this assignment feel free to e-mail the social studies department chair at Jhunsberger@tufsd.org or me at Egraham@tufsd.org Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to meeting you in September.