

11th Grade Modern World History Honors Summer Assignment

1. Your assignment is to read [*A History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage*](#)¹.
2. For each chapter (1-12), you should fill out two pieces of information:
 - A short summary of the main argument of the chapter (1-3 sentences).
HINT: This information will be found in the first subdivision of the chapter.
 - Two pieces of evidence that support the main argument of the chapter.
 - NB - Be sure to put the page number(s) where you found the information as well so that you can find it later!

Be ready to hand this in on the first day of class.

Chapter Outlines

Beer in Mesopotamia and Egypt

Chapter 1: A Stone-Age Brew – this one is started for you as an example!

Summary of argument

“Beer is a liquid relic from human prehistory, and its origins are closely intertwined with the origins of civilization itself.” (p. 10-11)

Supporting evidence

1. Sumerian depictions of beer from the third millennium BCE show two people drinking it through straws from a shared vessel even though they had the tools to remove debris and serve it in individual cups → drinking beer was a collective and social activity that helped build civilization through social bonds. (p. 18)

2.

¹ Disclaimer: The choice of this book as a summer reading assignment does not represent any attempt to promote the use/misuse of any of these beverages, alcoholic, caffeinated or otherwise. This book merely offers a unique and interesting way of viewing economic history and showing how the world has changed and become more connected.

Chapter 2: Civilized Beer

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Wine in Greece and Rome

Chapter 3: The Delight of Wine

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Chapter 4: The Imperial Vine

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Spirits in the Colonial Period

Chapter 5: High Spirits, High Seas

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Chapter 6: The Drinks That Built America

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Coffee in the Age of Reason

Chapter 7: The Great Soberer

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Chapter 8: The Coffeehouse Internet

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Tea and the British Empire

Chapter 9: Empires of Tea

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Chapter 10: Tea Power

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

CocaCola and the Rise of America

Chapter 11: From Soda to Cola

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

2.

Chapter 12: Globalization in a Bottle

Summary of argument

Supporting evidence

1.

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