

## APWH Summer Assignment

### **Directions:**

Welcome to AP World History! As with all great undertakings, work starts before you walk in the door. For us this means the APWH Summer assignment. In the past this assignment would have multiple parts and end up being quite lengthy but luckily for you I have changed it up! Your assignment is straightforward- you will read the book **Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science**. This book is an excellent review of many of the key ideas that we covered in the 4th quarter of 9th grade and will also help prepare you for some of the key ideas of the 1st quarter of 10th grade.

The assignment is to determine a few central arguments of the book and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details. The book gives many examples of how sugar changed the world so find multiple examples and support with specific evidence from the book. I suggest that you take some notes while you read, this will make writing the essay much easier.

The final product will be a 2-3 page essay of around 500-750 words. Your essay should follow standard writing protocol meaning it should be structured around body paragraphs with a clear introduction and conclusion. It should also be double spaced and use size 12 font. If you use quotes from the book cite the page number in parentheses after the quote. You should proofread carefully for spelling, grammar, and mechanics. You may write in the first person and give personal reactions to what you have read and learned throughout the essay.

If you have any questions regarding the assignment please contact Mr. Meagh at [meaghm@dfsd.org](mailto:meaghm@dfsd.org) but understand it is the summer and I will not be checking email on a regular basis. **The assignment will be due on September 21st.**

Where to find the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Sugar-Changed-World-Slavery-Freedom/dp/0544582470>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/sugar-changed-the-world-marc-aronson/1100391999>