

2021 Advanced Placement® World History

About the AP® World History Summer Institute

This institute is designed for both new and experienced teachers and will focus on teaching critical thinking, which forms the most critical component of any AP history course. During the week, we will work on both the conceptual underpinnings of this course and actual lesson plans that can be adapted for your classrooms. An insider's view of how the essays for AP history are scored will be shared. This session will assist both new and experienced teachers, and we will strive to create a casual and collegial environment.

The tentative timeline is as follows:

Day One

Morning

Understanding the course

- Historical Thinking Skills and the AP World History course
- Developing Student Understanding
- Understanding the Thematic
- Learning Objectives & Key Concepts

Afternoon

Planning Your Course

Day Two

Morning

Historical Thinking Skills

- Analyzing Primary Sources
- Analyzing Secondary Sources
- Chronological Reasoning

Afternoon

Historical Thinking Skills

- Comparison and Contextualization

Day Three

Morning

Historical Thinking Skills

- Synthesis
- Creating and Supporting a
- Historical Argument

Afternoon

Teaching the AP Course

- Sequencing
- Selecting Resources

Day Four

Morning

Teaching the AP Course

- Strategies for Teaching
- Unit Development

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- Assessing Student Understanding

Afternoon

Curricular Requirements and Syllabus Development

Day Five

Morning

Best Practices for Success in the AP Classroom

- Lesson Plan Sharing w/ partner

What to bring:

Items you should have access to during the week include:

- A laptop computer/ tablet
- Stable and reliable internet connection
- A favorite lesson or practice to share
- A copy of your school's academic calendar
- A copy of the textbook you will be using next year (if you have access to one)

Instructor:

Kara Macsuga has taught for 23 years, and for the past 13 years has held National Board Certification. Her degree was earned from Florida Atlantic University in Political Science. In addition to AP World History, Mrs. Macsuga has taught AP European History at Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, FL. She has scored AP World History examinations since 2007 and serves as a Table Leader at the Reading. Mrs. Macsuga also instructs College Board institutes and workshops as a consultant for AP World History. She lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida with her husband, mother and the youngest of her three children.

