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 time line 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
  - Assessing Student Understanding

**Afternoon**
Curricular Requirements and Syllabus Development

**What to bring:**
Items you should bring during the week include:
  - a laptop computer or tablet & storage device
  - a copy of your school’s academic calendar
  - comfortable clothes and shoes for walking in the summer heat
  - a light sweatshirt or sweater in case you get chilly in the AC

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