2020 Advanced Placement® Modern 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 time line is as follows:

**Day 1:**
World History as a discipline
Content versus skills and the tyranny of “or”
Components of the AP exam
The redesign and rethinking historical periodization
Historical Thinking Skills and the course
Equity and access
Textbooks

**Day 2:**
Sourcing and using primary documents
Secondary source interpretations
Teaching using causation and contextualization

**Day 3:**
Sequencing the course
Recommended materials
Instructional strategies
Formative assessments
AP Audit

**Day 4:**
Writing and scoring the document based question
Lessons on difficult topics
Building arguments
Evaluations

**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

**Instructor:**
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