



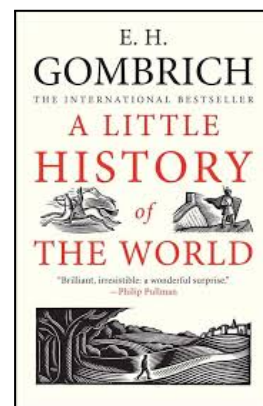
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Summer Reading for 9th Grade Combo English & Social Studies

Dear Future High School Student:

Summer is a wonderful time to read, as we have time to think and enjoy the literature and history and new ideas to which we are exposed. Additionally, reading keeps our vocabulary, language usage, and understanding/analytical skills honed for the next school year. Take advantage of this relaxing time of the year to get acquainted with the work of Gombrich which we will be studying in the next school year.



In preparation for the 9th grade Combo course, please purchase a copy of *A Little History of the World* by E. H. Gombrich. Read the entire book. While ebooks are fine, we discourage the use of PDFs.

STEP 1: WRITING PIECE ON A DOCUMENT (PRINTED)

1. Choose 10 chapters that interest you / resonated with / stood out to you the most! Write the chapter number on top.
2. Write a brief explanation of why this chapter interested you the most (2-3 sentences).
3. Find 1 quote from each of the 10 chapters you chose (i.e. 10 quotes from 10 different chapters total) that particularly interested you. Each quote should be a maximum of 2 sentences. Include a citation of the quote (i.e. the page number of the quote in parenthesis).
4. Then, paraphrase each quote and explain why it stands out to you and how it is significant for the main idea (theme) of this particular chapter.

STEP 2: VISUAL: CREATE A COLLAGE

5. Finally, create a collage based on the chapters you chose. The collage should include one image/drawing for each chapter /quote you chose (10 images total).
 - a. The images should be representative of the main idea of each of the chapters you chose.
 - b. A collage is a piece of art made by sticking various different materials, such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric onto a backing, NOT just a printout of Google Slides.
 - c. The images should be arranged with a certain rationale. It is up to you how to organize the collage (i.e. in order of chapters, chronological order of events, thematically, in order of importance of the events).
 - d. Write a paragraph explaining your rationale as to how you organized your collage. This paragraph can be attached to the collage or on the written document completed for Step 1.

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STEP 3: PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOOL

You will present it to your new groupmate during the first week of school. Be ready to share your work and get to know each other and us in our 9th grade journey together!

We will be collecting the assignment at the beginning of the school year. It is expected that you have read the book by the first day of school, as the first unit of study will be based on the summer reading.

Have a great summer! Happy reading, and see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

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