

AP WORLD HISTORY 10

Mr. Varajao – avarajao@sachem.edu

Ms. Fatscher – rfatscher@sachem.edu

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2019

For this part of the assignment you will be given one of six different readings from the series “**Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in ...**”

You will be responsible for ONE of the following readings – it will be assigned to you.

- **1.** Were Christopher Columbus’s New World Discoveries a Positive Force in the Development of World History?
- **2.** Did the West Define the Modern World?
- **3.** Did the Industrial Revolution Lead to a Sexual Revolution?
- **4.** Were Confucian Values Responsible for China’s Failure to Modernize?
- **5.** Was the French Revolution Worth its Human Costs?
- **6.** Were Economic Factors Primarily Responsible for 19th Century British Imperialism?

You will be responsible for accessing and printing out the reading that you have been assigned! You will find the readings on my class website, www.varajaoworldhistory.weebly.com where you will find, on the left hand side menu, a tab for the directions as well as a tab where you will find the individual readings.

Each of the historical questions in the “Taking Sides, ...” series is “answered” in the reading with two articles, each written by a prominent historian. One argues the “yes” side and the other, the or “no” perspective.

The reading I have been assigned is: _____

Your task is to do the following:

- I. After carefully reading both sides (you may have to do this more than once as the reading level is high) you will **summarize each argument that is presented**. Each summary should be about one typed page (but no longer than two) of single spaced 11 or 12 point font.
- II. **Then you will present the side that you are taking**. This is the tough part because you will not only take one of the two sides that were presented but you must clearly argue as to why without just repeating the argument that the author has already made. You will need to consider the following:
 - What was more convincing about that argument?
 - What specific points were conveyed that made the argument more believable?
 - What was it about the other side that you felt was not convincing?
 - You must analyze both arguments in your writing.
 - What material and content overlaps?
 - Do the authors contradict each other on specific points? Remember, it is easier to just write about agreeing but you must also show your ability to critique.

(Over)

Therefore, this assignment will actually have **four components**:

- A. a brief introduction and context of the event – the controversial issue
- B. section one where you summarize the first argument (approx. 1-2 pages)
- C. section two where you summarize the second argument (approx. 1-2 pages)
- D. the third section where you analyze the arguments and take your own stance – this obviously is the most important part of your paper and it should probably be in the 2-3 page range.

This part of the summer assignment must be typed. It will be collected and counted as a test grade!

Note: Please make sure that you save any notes, outlines, or annotations that you made as part of the process of completing the assignment. There is likely to be a follow up activity, specifics to be announced when we get back to school, in class at some point early in the year and this material will be useful.

DUE DATE: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Should you have any questions related to the assignment, do not hesitate to email at avarajao@sachem.edu