

## **AP World History- Summer Assignment**

Read Chapters 1-4 and 15-19 of *Guns, Germs, and Steel* please write out answers to the following questions and bring with you to our first class. If you wish to watch the documentary instead, you can watch it on youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i885hopsw6E&list=PLj4j6z42NYfvN6b7o8FsEA-J9yrMkP6zH>

1. “Why is it that you white people developed so much cargo and brought it to New Guinea, but we black people had little cargo of our own?” What are the other commonly espoused answers to “Yali’s question,” and how does Jared Diamond address and refute each of them?
2. What were the advantages enjoyed by the Fertile Crescent that allowed it to be the earliest site of development for most of the building blocks of civilization? How does Diamond explain the fact that it was nevertheless Europe and not Southwest Asia that ended up spreading its culture to the rest of the world?
3. How does civilization lead to epidemics?
4. In one paragraph, summarize chapters 15-19.

If you have any questions about the assignment or the reading, please feel free to email me at [rsarmiento@achs.net](mailto:rsarmiento@achs.net).

List of things that you will need for September:

1. Diamond, Jared. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. Norton & Company, 2005.

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Your summer reading book will come in handy when we do our unit on the growth of civilizations.

2. Spodek, *The World's History, Fifth Edition*.
3. A large 3-ringed binder in which to keep all additional handouts, notes, charts, homework, quizzes, etc. This proves to be the best method of keeping history neatly at your fingertips. A “binder check” will be made on the first day of school and I will award you with a 20 point quiz grade for having it with you.