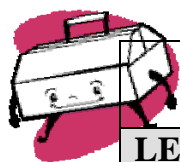


TOOL: Comparison of World, AP World, and AP European History

	AP World	World History	AP European
LEVEL OF TEXTBOOK DIFFICULTY	College	High School	College
TIME PERIOD COVERED	Pre-history (8000 BCE) – present	1350 A.D. – present	1450 A.D. – present
REGIONS STUDIED	Most major cultures and regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Americas, Oceania and Middle East	Emphasis on Europe but also includes history of Africa, Asia, and Americas	Emphasis on Europe
TYPE OF HISTORY	Emphasizes some detail but focus more on the “big picture” and global interactions.	Covers the highlights of major world events.	Heavily emphasizes detail about many aspects of European history.
AVERAGE WRITING LOAD	Large emphasis on building analytical writing skills with 4-5 essays per term, study guides, and other miscellaneous writing activities.	Standard emphasis on writing. Worksheets, comprehension questions, occasional essays.	Large emphasis on building analytical writing skills with 4-5 essays per term, oral seminars, study guides, and other miscellaneous writing activities.
AVERAGE READING LOAD	25-35 pages of <i>college-level</i> reading each week.	12-14 pages of <i>high school</i> reading each week.	15-20 pages of <i>college-level</i> reading each week.
GRADING	Weighted grading scale (A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0, D=2.0, F=0)	Standard grading scale	Weighted grading scale (A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0, D=2.0, F=0)
POTENTIAL FOR COLLEGE CREDIT	Upon successful completion of year-end AP test, college credit can be earned.		Upon successful completion of year-end AP test, college credit can be earned.

TOOL: Comparison of United States History and AP United States History



	<i>U. S. History</i>	<u>AP U. S. History</u>	Miscellaneous
LEVEL OF TEXTBOOK DIFFICULTY	High School	College	
TIME PERIOD COVERED	1880 – present	1492 - present	
AVERAGE WRITING LOAD	Essays, short papers, research papers, worksheets and study guides.	Large assortment and quantity of writing.	AP U.S. students typically write on average one or two extended pieces a week.
AVERAGE READING LOAD	15-20 pages of high school level reading plus additional outside readings.	35-40 pages of college level reading plus additional outside readings.	
GRADING	Standard grading scale	Weighted grading scale (A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0, D=2.0, F=0)	
POTENTIAL FOR COLLEGE CREDIT	None	Upon successful completion of year-end AP test, college credit can be earned.	
FINAL EXAMS	Cumulative for each trimester	Cumulative for each trimester 1 and 2 with a year-end final for trimester 3	
AVERAGE TIME STUDYING PER DAY	15 - 30 minutes	30 - 45 minutes	AP U.S. History requires a great deal of time spent out of class on primary source reading and note taking.