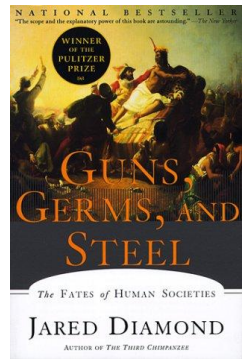


## AP World History- Summer Reading Assignment



**Directions:** Based on your reading over the summer from Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, answer in essay form the questions below. As you answer the questions, support your answer with evidence from the book for each question. Your work should be typed MLA format. **Questions are due on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** In addition to the questions, prepare notecards for each question that can be used for our first "Socratic Seminar" of the year. **The Socratic Seminar will also be on the following class period.**  
**Good Luck!**

**Prologue:** What is Yali's question? What other questions does this lead the author to ask?

**Ch. 1:** Of the significant developments in human history listed in this chapter, which do you believe is the most important? Explain why.

**Ch. 2:** Analyze the Polynesian Island societies. What effect did population have on the development of politics and social order? Explain.

**Ch. 3:** Analyze Pizarro's defeat of the Incan empire. What advantages did the Spaniards have? How could this outcome have been different if the natives had similar advantages to the Spaniards? Explain.

**Ch. 4:** How did food production and the domestication of animals affect the development of societies and technology? Explain with examples