

A.P. World History summer reading guide: The Origins of the Modern World by Robert Marks.

1. Students should understand reasons for the west emerging as a dominant force in the modern world since the 15th century.
2. Students should understand the material and trading worlds, circa 1400.
3. Students should understand the nature of Chinese power and wealth prior to 1400.
4. Students should have an understanding of the global trading zones that were established prior to the emergence of the west.
5. Students should have an understanding of the Industrial Revolution and its consequences.
6. Students should have an understanding of the GAP that exists today and why it exists