

AP World History Textbook Adoption Recommendation

- The task force recommends ***Ways of the World*** by Robert Strayer & Eric Nelson
- Since our last adoption, the College Board has changed the curriculum and the test multiple times so our old textbook does not align with the newer curriculum. ***Ways of the World*** is an exact match to the current curriculum. For example, our first unit "Global Tapestry" was spread out over 8 chapters in the old book. The first chapter of ***Ways of the World*** covers all topics in the first unit. Every chapter after that aligns perfectly so each unit is covered in 2-3 chapters evenly.
- ***Ways of the World*** has multiple primary/secondary sources at the end of each chapter and comes with a supplemental source book. These sources are likely to appear as stimulus on AP test questions.
- AP test questions and AP writing skills are embedded in multiple ways throughout each chapter in ***Ways of the World*** making it easier to align content with the AP Test. Our old textbook never mentioned the AP test so there were no direct connections. This also reduces our need to purchase supplemental study aids to review for the AP Test.
- The online platform for ***Ways of the World*** has more features for students to make use of the online book such as highlighting and annotating. The teacher resources from assessments to assignments are really helpful in coming up with new ways to teach content and writing skills and have it relate directly to what students read at home. Our current book has some teacher resources but most lessons are vague ideas without materials.
- The book is listed on the AP World History College Board website as an example of an appropriate textbook for the course, and would meet the requirements for a course audit. Robert Strayer, is one of the pre-eminent authors in World History today, and has published dozens of books related to World History.
- We decided on this book because it does an excellent job of balancing a good amount of details without overwhelming students with minutia. We find it approachable, and yet still challenging.

