

Christian Brothers Academy  
Grade 9 - World History  
Summer Reading: Guided Reading Questions

The following are a series of questions designed to guide a student's reading of *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*. Students are not required to answer these questions in a formal or written response. However, making notes concerning these questions could help in coming to a more complete and complex understanding of the text. Good luck and have a wonderful summer!

Chapter 1: A Stone Aged Brew

- How is the development of beer in the Fertile Crescent a demonstration of the Neolithic Revolution? How did the storage of grain have an effect on hunter-gatherer societies?

Chapter 2: Civilized Beer

- How was beer used in the Ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations? How does it play a role in religion? Economics?
- Beer was so important that it found its way into early writing. Why do you think the symbol for beer becomes more abstract over time?

Chapter 3: The Delight of Wine

- What was the Ancient Greek Symposium? What role did wine play in it?
- According to the text, what was the purpose of mixing water and wine?

Chapter 4: The Imperial Vine

- Describe the importance of wine to the Ancient Romans? Who consumed wine? Why? What role did it play in economics?
- According to the text, why do Christians consume wine but Muslims do not?

Chapter 5: High Spirits, High Seas

- Where did the "science" behind making spirits originate?
- Describe the connection between exploration and distilling spirits.

Chapter 6: The Drinks that Built America

- How did distilled spirits contribute to the American Revolution?
- What were some of the negative effects of these drinks in early American history?

Chapter 7: The Great Soberer

- How did Europeans get coffee? What is the significance of the switch from alcohol to coffee?
- How did coffee affect the global balance of economic power?

Chapter 8: The Coffeehouse Internet

- How did the "coffee house" atmosphere in Europe contribute to the Enlightenment and the French Revolution?

Chapter 9: Empires of Tea

- Tea time is a staple of English culture. Historically, how did tea become so important in England? How did the giant British empire facilitate this trend?
- How did the British obsession with tea affect daily life and socialization?

Chapter 10: Tea Power

- Describe the similarities and differences between China and Europe in terms of society and economics.

Chapter 11: From Soda to Cola

- Describe the origins of Coca-Cola.
- How is soda distinctly American?

Chapter 12: Globalization in a Bottle?

- What was the Cold War? How did Coca-Cola play a role in this global conflict?
- Describe how Coca-Cola became a truly international drink.