

10th Grade Modern World History
Assignment

Guns, Germs, and Steel

All assignments are due at the start of our second class meeting in September.

Assignment: Part I:

Watch Season 1 (three episodes) of ***Guns, Germs and Steel***. It is available through Amazon Prime, but you can find it on YouTube. The episodes are based on a book by Jared Diamond about the formation of human societies.

Each episode is about 55 minutes long so make sure to plan your time accordingly.

Additional information and resources are available at:

<http://www.pbs.org/gunsgermsteel/show/index.html>

Assignment Part II: Answer the corresponding Viewing Guide Questions featured below.

- Answers for the questions should be typed (Times New Roman, 12 pt. font) in a Word document.
- Your response needs to be written in paragraph format.
- Each response must be exactly five sentences.

Assignment Part III: Pick any two concepts or artifacts that are referenced in each episode. Create a presentation (PPT/Prezi/Slides) that discusses these topics.

- Your presentation, therefore, will contain thirteen slides in total (4 slides from each episode and one Works Cited slide in MLA format).
- The first slide from each concept should contain a visual representation – a map or other image, for example.
- The second slide identifies the object from the first slide and explains its significance in exactly five sentences.

Viewing Guide:
Guns, Germs, and Steel: Episode 2

Directions Before viewing the film, read each question below so you know what information and ideas you should be looking for as you watch Episode 2. Record your answers to each question by providing as many facts, details, and examples as possible to answer each question. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class.

1. What is Jared Diamond's explanation for why the Spanish had advanced to steel swords while Inca's were still making tools and weapons from bronze?

2. How did the battle tactics used by the Spanish conquistadors help the small army defeat the Inca army that outnumbered it by the thousands?

3. According to Jared Diamond, what made the Europeans "accidental conquerors"?

