

Notre Dame High School Social Sciences Department
World History/Honors World History
Summer Reading Assignment – *Three Cups of Tea*

This year you will study history using the tool of history themes to help you better understand various time periods and to more easily compare them. These themes are an excellent way to organize and understand historical information. ***The five history themes are society, culture, politics, economics, and science and technology.*** These themes can be described very simply as follows:

1. **Society** shows the ways people interact in the groups they belong to - in families, in religions, in classes of society, or as one gender or the other - and the rules they have to obey as part of those groups.
2. **Science and Technology** is how people have always tried to learn more about how the world works (science) and how the knowledge discovered changes their lives.
3. **Economics** is about how a society makes the products (food, clothing, etc.) the people need – who does the work? Who gets to keep the products after they are made?
4. **Politics** covers power – who has the power in a group or society? How did rulers get power? Do the people who are ruled have any rights?
5. **Culture** refers to how people express themselves in a society – through their beliefs, language, food, dress, literature, art, and music.

Assignment:

To help you understand these themes you will read the novel, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, and identify examples of each of these themes as shown in the book.

1. As you read *Three Cups of Tea*, choose examples of each history theme from each part of the book.
 - Part I (ch 1- 8)
 - Part II (ch 9- 16)
 - Part III (ch 17- 23)

HONORS students are to choose **TWO** examples of each history theme from each part of the book.

NON-HONORS students are to choose **ONE** example of each history theme from each part of the book.

2. **Type** your list with **1” margins on all sides**, and your **name and the date** you did the assignment in the **upper left hand corner**.
3. This assignment will be due the first day of class the second week of school.
4. For full credit – all instructions must be followed. Please see the following page for correct formatting for this assignment.

Sarah Student
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History Themes in *Three Cups of Tea*

Part I

Society

Provide an example (two if you are in Honors) of the history theme of society from the first part of the book and provide appropriate parenthetical citation (Mortenson and Rubin 37).

Science and Technology

Economics

Politics

Culture

For Parts II and III repeat the above format