

A.P. U.S History I – Dr. Hogge
Summer reading, 2016

Students should read chapter 18 (Hemispheres Colliding) from Jared Diamond's book *Guns, Germs, and Steel* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1999) You can stop by my room (B204) for a photocopy of the chapter, you can pick up a copy from a folder in the main office over the summer break, you can get it at a public library, or you can purchase it

On Tuesday, September 13th, you will be required to hand in a written response to the following questions. **This is not an essay**, but rather a series of written answers to questions that will guide us in discussing Diamond's chapter in class. Your response should be typed and no more than 2-3 pages.

What role did environment and geography play in providing advantages for Old World societies? Which of the advantages do you think was most important in allowing Europeans to conquer the New World? In what ways is Diamond challenging more traditional explanations of European superiority?

Good reading and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall!