

Dear Prospective Honors World History Student and Parent(s):

The 2009-2010 Honors Program in World History will function as a multi-disciplinary extension of the standard curriculum, building upon efforts to view and understand events in context. I am excited to recommend your child for this exciting academic opportunity.

*Summer assignment:*

Choose a national newspaper or magazine -- one that covers major world events -- to follow over the course of at least four weeks (at least four Sunday newspapers or four weekly editions of a magazine, etc.)

- 1) From what you read, choose ten articles that focus on what you feel are the most newsworthy international events covered by your source.
- 2) Write a reaction paragraph for each of these articles (minimum length 150 words). In your reaction, include
  - a. your thoughts about why this event strikes you as particularly significant (be specific),
  - b. who you think will be most affected by these events, now and in the future, and
  - c. how the circumstances surrounding this event or its outcome support or contradict God's truth.

Some suggestions for newspapers or magazines (if you would like to follow a source not listed here, please check with me first):

*The Washington Post*  
*The Washington Times*  
*The New York Times*  
*The Christian Science Monitor*  
*The Wall Street Journal*

*Time*  
*Newsweek*  
*The Economist*

*School-year assignments:*

School-year assignments will include two supplemental projects each quarter. Project assignments will emphasize critical thinking skills and the synthesis of cross-disciplinary influences/consequences while also striving to recognize, within the framework of each assignment, each student's individuality and interests.

Project assignments may be comprised of individual work, group work, or a combination of the two. Projects may include the following components: close reading and analysis, "think tank," cross-disciplinary research (related movements in literature, scientific discovery, fine arts, etc.), formal writing, creative options, and other tasks to be determined. Some assignments may require technology skills.

In addition, most honors projects will include a class presentation.

Please feel free to contact me either by email at [brophyk@williamsburgchristian.org](mailto:brophyk@williamsburgchristian.org) or by phone at 757-220-1978, ext. 375, if you have any questions. You will find the attached information helpful as you prayerfully consider enrolling in WCA's honors program.

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