

CRJ

A Critical Reading Journal is designed to help you develop critical thinking and reading skills so that you can articulate legitimate readings of a text. As you attend carefully to how your reading relates to the five major themes in Advanced Placement World History, disconnected information should begin to fall into place – a big picture should emerge.

Your grade will be based on following directions. I will not grade grammar and usage errors -- but to receive credit, you **MUST** include the following in every **CRJ**:

- ✓ the author's name
- ✓ the page number
- ✓ a quotation from the reading -- integrated within your own sentence, properly punctuated, and commented upon as necessary to show why you cited that particular passage.
No Quote Lumps!
- ✓ a specific connection to the SPICE Chart – explain, question, connect, but talk the talk! Use the words...
- ✓ careful thought

S -- Development and transformation of social structures

- Gender roles and relations
- Family and kinship
- Racial and ethnic constructions
- Social and economic classes
- State-building, expansion, and conflict

P -- Political structures and forms of governance

- Empires
- Nations and nationalism
- Revolts and revolutions
- Regional, transregional, and global structures and organizations

I -- Interaction between humans and the environment

- Demography and disease
- Migration
- Patterns of settlement
- Technology

C -- Development and interaction of cultures

- Religions
- Belief systems, philosophies, and ideologies
- Science and technology
- The arts and architecture

E -- Creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems

- Agricultural and pastoral production
- Trade and commerce
- Labor systems
- Industrialization
- Capitalism and socialism