PART I: Read the scanned pages from your textbook (Traditions and Encounters, Chapters 1-3) and complete the three Reading Guides in your own handwriting in BLUE or BLACK ink; we will not accept word processed submissions of this material. Be thorough and remember to answer the vocabulary and multiple choice questions at the end of each RG.

PART II: Read “The Worst Mistake in the History of the Human Race” by Jared Diamond and answer the questions below in your OWN (legible) handwriting and in BLUE or BLACK INK. You may print out the questions then answer them in your writing if you wish.

http://www.ditext.com/diamond/mistake.html

The Worst Mistake in the History of the Human Race by Jared Diamond

1. What are the advantages of farming vs. hunter gatherer societies?

2. List and evaluate the findings (“the three sets of reasons”) that indicate that agriculture was bad for health.

3. Toward the end of the article, the author uses the adage, “Might makes right.” Having read the article, speculate on the effect that might have had on the evolution of political systems in history.

4. Do you agree or disagreed with Diamond’s theory that farming is “the worst mistake in the human race”? Use specifics to support your position.

5. Do you think “progress” always benefits society? Why or why not? Offer one specific, historic example that supports your response.

6. What progress of changes have you seen during your lifetime? Which groups of people benefit from these changes?
PART 3: GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

Mapping Exercise - Using the map provided, locate and label each item then color the specified areas in the colors/shading/patterns indicated. You will have a map quiz on these locations the first week of school that will assess your ability to identify and locate the areas below.

**Continents (Red)**
1. North America
2. South America
3. Australia
4. Europe
5. Antarctica
6. Asia
7. Africa

**Oceans, Seas, Bays, Lakes (Blue)**
1. Atlantic Ocean (1 N. North and 1 S. South)
2. Pacific Ocean (2 N. North and 2 S. South)
3. Indian Ocean
4. Arctic Ocean
5. North Sea
6. Baltic Sea
7. English Channel
8. Norwegian Sea
9. Barents Sea
10. Mediterranean Sea
11. Adriatic Sea
12. Aegean Sea
13. Black Sea
14. Caspian Sea
15. Great Lakes
16. Red Sea
17. Persian Gulf
18. Arabian Sea
19. Bay of Bengal
20. South China Sea
21. East China Sea
22. Yellow Sea
23. Sea of Japan
24. Caribbean
25. Hudson Bay
26. Cape of Good Hope
27. Cape Horn
28. Gulf of Guinea

**Deserts (indicated with striped green lines)**
1. Gobi
2. Kalahari
3. Sahara
4. Thar
5. Mojave

**Mountain Ranges (indicated with ^^^)**
1. Himalayas
2. Hindu Kush
3. Pamirs
4. Andes
5. Sierra Madre
6. Alps
7. Appalachian
8. Rocky

**Straits (Blue)**
1. Bosporus Strait
2. Strait of Magellan
3. Strait of Gibraltar
4. Strait of Malacca

**Rivers (Blue)**
1. Nile River
2. Tigris
3. Euphrates
4. Amazon River
5. Mississippi River
6. Rio Grande River