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Hello AP World History Teachers,

My name is Bill Strickland, and I teach AP World History at East Grands High School in East Grand Rapids, MI. I'll be leading the AP World History Summer Institute at Woodward Academy next week, July 19-22. Thank you for registering for this event, and I look forward to meeting you all. I hope this workshop will help you make the most of your AP World History course.

If you have any special topics of interest, questions, or concerns, please send me a response via email and I'll try to make sure to address your concern(s) during the week. I've included a copy of our agenda below, and as you can see, we'll be addressing a wide range of issues. If at all possible, please bring your own laptop computer, if you have one. Each participant will receive a CD with most of the week's handouts on it, along w/ a DVD that contains virtually my entire AP World History folder. I'll also have a thumb drive w/ 5+ Gb of materials that you can use to copy my disk if your computer doesn't have a built-in CD/DVD drive, so make sure there's some free space on your hard drive.

One of my hopes is that this institute will provide each of us with a network of people that we can turn to for help long after next week. In my experience continuous training is much more helpful than training that is "over and done" I want to provide us all with the knowledge, skills, and resources to continuously improve our teaching. Toward that end I'll be setting up a Google Group for the APSI participants. I'll give the specific information on this next week. Hopefully this social network will encourage us all to share ideas, lessons, frustrations, (?) questions, anything that will make us better teachers and help our students learn and enjoy learning more.

Thanks again,

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