

# IB HOTA Summer Assignment

Hello team!

I'm Mr. Gaulin and I'm super excited to be your teacher for IB History of the Americas.

Despite the title, the class is not just a reboot of AP US History. It is a deep dive into three historical case studies related to US and world history. In our examination of these case studies, we are not just asking what happened in the past, but rather *how we know what happened in the past*. With this in mind, I hope you will come to class with a spirit of inquiry.

Our first case study is the Cold War. In order to be able to hit the ground running in the fall, I'm asking you to read the first 5 chapters of the book *Rise to Globalism* and answer in writing a set of questions related to these chapters. This write-up is due the first day of class in August. You will also take a quiz related to this reading on the first day of class.

Please check out the book *Rise to Globalism* by Ambrose and Brinkley from the school library. If you forget to do this or are unable to do this, you can still complete this assignment. I will post a pdf copy of the relevant pages to Google Classroom. That is where the questions related to the reading will be posted as well.

The Google Classroom page is called IB HOTA Summer Assignment. The code is: nx6s3sw.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [tgaulin@orangeusd.org](mailto:tgaulin@orangeusd.org).

See you in the fall. Until then, *carpe diem*.