

Ms. Meneilly

### World History Summer Reading Assignment

After reading *Plagues and Peoples* by William H. McNeill **select one (1)** of the following topics and write a typed, double-spaced essay, 600-700 words in length. Include a word count at the end of the paper. Be ready to discuss the book and turn in your paper on the first day of class.

- A. Analyze how disease influenced the development of large societies and how the development of large societies influenced the spread of disease.
- B. Using an example of each, compare and contrast the spread and effects of a micro-parasite and macro-parasite.
- C. Examine how travel and trade affected the spread of disease around the world.
- D. How did disease, or the threat of disease, affect cultural beliefs and customs, including religion?
- E. Analyze the relationship between war/conquest and disease.