History of the World in 6 Glasses

From beer to Coca-Cola, the six drinks that have helped shape human history

Throughout human history, certain drinks have done much more than just quench thirst. As Tom Standage relates with authority and charm, six of them have had a surprisingly pervasive influence on the course of history, becoming the defining drink during a pivotal historical period.

*A History of the World in 6 Glasses* tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the 21st century through the lens of beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and cola.

**Directions:**

Read Only (you do not have to read the entire book–unless you want to...)

{Note:it is in a PDF Format}:

Read Only:

*A History of the World in Six Glasses*

- Beer in Mesopotamia and Egypt
- Coca-Cola and the Rise of America
- Epilogue: Back to the Source

Using the questions below as a guide, write a **FOUR** paragraph essay.

Write an **introduction** and **one paragraph each** on **each** of the **three** drinks.

- The paper will be written in Times New Roman-12-point font. (see sample below).
- Your essay will follow the proper MLA format. (see sample below).

- It will be completed and a printed **paper copy** will be turned in the **first day** of school.

- It will be double-spaced (see sample below).

- Include an **original** title.
- Include a bibliography citing sources (works cited). (see sample below).

This will be your **ROUGH-DRAFT**. You will be writing your **FINAL DRAFT** the first week of school.

The paper will be submitted to TURN-IT-IN.com (teacher will explain) to assure originality.

--In **other words**--do **original** work.
REMEMBER: This is an essay format—you are not just answering the questions below—use the questions as guides to help format your essay paragraphs.

A sample of an expository essay is given below.

PDF Files:

Six Glasses Introduction: Vital Fluids

Beer in Mesopotamia and Egypt

1. How is the discovery of beer linked to the growth of the first “civilizations”?

2. What does this history of beer in the ancient world tell us about the early civilizations?

3. What sources does the author use to gather his information on the use of beer?

4. What were some of the uses of beer by ancient cultures? Nourishment? Ritual? Religious?

5. How did beer “civilize” man, according to Standage?

6. What is the relationship between beer and writing, commerce, and health?

Coca-Cola and the Rise of North America

1. What was the origin of coke?

2. How was this beverage used medicinally and what were the additives?
3. What was the relationship of coke and World War II?

4. How was Coke thought of by the communist during the Cold War?

5. What is meant by “globalization in a bottle”?

6. How did Coca-Cola materialize into a North American (includes Mexico) value? How did this help and hurt Coca-Cola? (and, in some ways, America/Mexico itself?)

Epilogue: Back to the Source

1. Why was water shunned (avoided) throughout most of history?

2. Why do you think (the book doesn't really tell you) sales of bottled water are booming today?

3. How many people have no access to safe water today?

4. How has access to water affected international relations?
Sample Expository Essay
The purpose of an expository essay is to present important information about a specific subject. In the following example, ASFG student writer Kellyann Bandusky carefully explains her career ambitions. Notice that the essay follows the proper MLA format.
My sample below-----Online MLA sample: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/media/pdf/20090701095636_747.pdf

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Mrs. Cavallo
English I
January 30, 2012

A Career to Make Life Worth Living

Many teenagers spend a lot of time contemplating what they want to do when they graduate from high school. I am fortunate in that I already know; I decided to become a veterinarian when I was two or three years old. Just like humans, animals need people to treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve, and I want to be one of those people.
Because of this, I am doing all I can at Reavis to lay the groundwork for my success in college. Then, once I am in college, I will study and learn about all species of animals. Finally, I will find happiness in my career as a veterinarian because when animals need my assistance, I know that I will be able to help them. First, as a freshman at Reavis High School, I keep in mind my lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian. I have been taking my education here very seriously, because I know that a person needs to be not only knowledgeable, but also extremely disciplined in order to become a veterinarian. Because of this, I work hard to earn good grades, I take pride in my work, and I have learned to manage my time properly. These skills will be particularly valuable when I enter college.

After leaving Reavis, I must attend college because it is definitely a requirement for becoming a veterinarian. In fact, a bachelor’s degree is necessary in order to even enter a veterinarian program. One must also possess excellent communication, leadership, public speaking, and organizational skills. I have put a lot of thought and consideration into college, and I have decided that I would like to go to the University of Illinois. It is a wonderful school, and they even have a graduate program designed for students who want to become veterinarians. Once I have completed a veterinarian program, I will be able to pursue my dream career. This career provides numerous benefits, the first of which is salary. The average veterinarian salary is $60,000 a year, a salary that would definitely allow me to live a comfortable life. Secondly, it is a rewarding job. This job would provide me with the satisfaction of knowing that I am helping or saving an animal’s life.

Finally, becoming a veterinarian would assure me a lifetime of happiness. I know I would love going to my job every day, because I would be working with what I love most: animals. In summary, when I graduate from
Reavis, I plan to go to college to become a veterinarian. I love animals and I want to do anything that I can to help them. I know I am only a freshman, but I also know that I am growing up quickly. As Ferris Bueller quotes, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it!”
