**Daily Homework Assignment**  
  
Students will be expected to read one to two sections of the textbook in preparation for each class. The readings are intended to provide background information for activities in the next class period. The questions that accompany each reading are designed to help students acquire the broad background information for the topic under consideration. The same questions are used for each reading with the assumption that thinking about these questions will prepare students for reading and inquiring about a variety of texts. The questions are as follows:  
  
1. What are the major topics discussed in this section?  
  
2. What regions (or countries) are discussed or used as examples in this section? How are they connected to the topics?  
  
3. What visuals, charts, graphs, or tables are used in this section? How do they help you understand the reading?  
  
4. What are 5 important terms or concepts that you should be able to define after completing this reading? Define them.  
  
5. What are 5-10 important events from this section that should be placed on a timeline?