

**Ideas That Have Shaped the World**  
**First-Year Seminar, Fall 2015**  
**Professor John MacCormick**

**Summer Assignment**

**Due:** Thursday, August 27, in class (10:15 AM). Hard copy only – no emailed attachments.

**Paper:** 2 pages, typed, double spaced, (12 pt. 1 inch margins). **In your best, most polished writing**, respond to the following:

**In the Introduction to *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (2006), the philosopher Kwame Appiah discusses the origins and meanings of that term, and also says a little bit about his own life and background. How does he define the idea of cosmopolitanism? Include in your essay how Appiah uses his own life-experience to elaborate on the idea of cosmopolitanism.**

**(The Introduction is attached in a .PDF file. You may not use any additional resources or texts to complete this assignment.)**