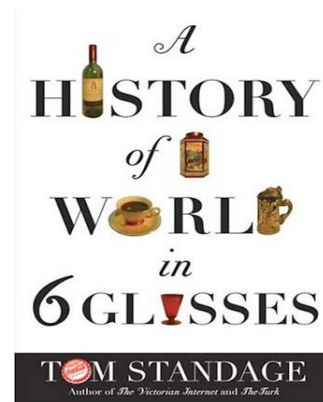


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A History of the World in 6 Glasses (2005), Tom Standage

A History of the World in Six Glasses is a book that takes an innovative approach to world history. The author looks at the development of world civilizations through the prism of the beverages that people drank in various time periods. These are (in chronological order): beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola.



“What we drink is something most people take for granted, not giving their potables a second thought. As we will see in this reading everything, from what we drink to the clothes we wear, from the technology we use; to the religion we practice; everything has an interrelated history.”

As you read the section *Civilized Beer*, take notes and answer the following questions:

BEER

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 (author)?
6. What is the relationship between beer, commerce, and health?

Use this space for notes from the reading addressing the above questions and/or underline essential passages in the text and code the text.