

**Advanced Placement U.S. History**  
**SUMMER READING**  
**2022-23 School Year**

This class is intended for students who wish to complete studies in high school that is **equivalent** to an introductory level college U.S. History course. For most of you, this is your first A.P. class. To be successful, you should expect to spend several hours each week preparing for this class. **There is homework during each break and almost all weekends.** You will be expected to critically read from several different sources. You should have excellent research and writing skills. I will teach you how to write for the A.P. Exam. The result of falling behind in reading or writing poorly will result in poor performance in this course.

- Why Study History? Taken from Peter N. Stearns, provost and professor of history at George Mason University, principal author of one of the approved A.P. text for the course, World Civilizations, and chair of the AP Development Committee.

“History should be studied because it is essential to individuals and to society...it offers a storehouse of information about how people and societies behave. It offers the only extensive evidential base for contemplation and analysis of how societies function, and people need to have some sense of how societies function simply to run their own lives. Only through studying history can we grasp how things change; only through history can we begin to comprehend the factors that cause change; and only through history can we understand what elements of an institution or a society persist despite change. History, then, provides the only extensive materials available to study the human condition. Studying the stories of individuals and situations in the past allows a student of history to test his or her own moral sense, to hone it against some of the real complexities individuals have faced in difficult settings.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Peter N. Stearns, Why Study History? AHA publications, found at <http://www.studentsfriend.com/aids/curraids/articles/stearns.html> last accessed 5/9/2005.

## The Summer Assignments

This assignment will count as part of your grade during the first progress report in the fall. The purpose of the assignment is to get a jumpstart on the curriculum and give us the opportunity to go more in depth in our study when school begins.

### Part I

Use the following link as a reference to complete the notes about APUSH. These notes can be hand-written or typed, but should be printed and available on the first FULL day of school.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-united-states-history>

1. What are the skills you will learn in this course? Create a chart with information about the APUSH units. It should include unit name & description, topics may include, and percentage on the exam.
2. Create a chart that shows the format of the AP Exam including questions, time allowed, and percentage towards score. Use the link below for this information.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-united-states-history/assessment>

### Part II

Assigned Reading: You will need the following book for the year.

[https://www.amazon.com/Advanced-Placement-United-States-History-dp-1531129129/dp/1531129129/ref=dp\\_ob\\_title\\_bk](https://www.amazon.com/Advanced-Placement-United-States-History-dp-1531129129/dp/1531129129/ref=dp_ob_title_bk)

Please read, the period 1 chapter in this book. Be prepared to discuss the reading.

Create note cards for the following terms using the instructions below.

#### **3X5 ID cards**

***\*\*Good for review of factual material***

1. Make notes on ID's on 3X5 cards
  - a. Blank side is term & time period
  - b. Lined side is a definition/2 major points, including words and/or images
2. Can be color-coded
3. Organize and store in shoebox for GREAT end-of-year review

**Period 1: 1491-607**

**Chapter 1:**

Agricultural Revolution  
Causes of European exploration  
Christopher Columbus  
Conquistadores  
Catholic Missions  
Encomienda System  
Pueblo Revolt of 1680  
Columbian Exchange  
Charter Companies  
Coureurs De Bois  
Roanoke

*You will receive a grade for the summer assignments and after we have discussed the reading, there will be a period 1 test.*

School Supplies you will need for this course:

You will need a three ring binder that is 1.5-2 inches in size, notebook paper, blue/black ink pens, and pencils. You will need 3 x 5 index cards (one side lined) to create chapter/unit flash cards. This is something we do all year to help us prepare for THE A.P. Exam.

Looking forward to meeting and working with each of you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [Lwalton@ncstrojans.com](mailto:Lwalton@ncstrojans.com).