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Summer Assignments 2021 - 2022 · AP United States History

Welcome to the Advanced Placement United States History, I look forward to working with each of you. All Assignments are due the first day of school. There will be an exam at the end of the first week of school.

Primary Textbook:

James A. Henretta, Edward Hindertaker, Rebecca Edwards, Robert O. Self, *America's History*, 9th edition, Boston: Bedford/St. Martins, 2018

Recommended Literature for SERIOUS American History students:

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Summer Assignment

1. Read Chapter 2 of the Textbook PDF Files and learn the Vocabulary on page 69

--Answer Questions in Chapter 2 Review Pages 69-a and 69-b

Click [here](#) for Chapter 2.

2. Read Chapter 3 of the Textbook PDF Files and learn the Vocabulary on page 105

--Answer Questions in Chapter 3 Review Page 105-a and 105-b

Click [here](#) for Chapter 3.

3. READ the following secondary source readings related to topics of significance in our study of American History.

Click [here](#) for the John Muir reading.

John Muir - write a one-page analysis related to the following prompt:

Why did conservationism make a start as a national movement in the late 19th century?

Would the movement have begun if John Muir had not lived?

The Advanced Placement Exam:

The AP US History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and includes both a 105-minute multiple-choice/short-answer section and a 90-minute free-response section. Each section is divided into two parts, as shown in the table below.

Section	Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing	Percentage of Total Exam Score
I	Part A: Multiple Choice questions	55 M/C	55 min	40%
	Part B: Short-Answer Questions	4 Short Answers	50 min	20%

II	<i>Part A: Document-based Question</i>	1 question	55min	25%
	<i>Part B: Long Essay Question</i>	1 question (chosen from a pair)	35min	15%

Time Management

Students need to learn to budget their time so that they can complete all parts of the exam. Time management is especially critical with regard to Section II, which consists of two essay questions. Time left is announced, but students are not forced to move to the next question. Students often benefit from taking a practice exam under timed conditions prior to the actual administration.

How Student Learning Is Assessed on the AP Exam

The following are general parameters about the relationship between the components of the curriculum framework and the questions that will be asked of students on the AP Exam:

Students' achievement of the thematic learning objectives will be assessed throughout the exam.

The 9 periods of the APUSH Exam are reflected in the following weighting.

Period	Date Range	Approximate Percentage of...
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		Instructional Time	AP Exam
1	1491-1607	5%	5%
2	1607-1754	10%	
3	1754-1800	12%	45%
4	1800-1848	10%	
5	1844-1877	13%	
6	1865-1898	13%	
7	1890-1945	17%	45%
8	1945-1980	15%	
9	1980-present	5%	5%