

## AP US History 2019-2020 Recommended Summer Reading

Welcome to AP US History! The 2019-2020 school year will be a very busy one as we prepare for the rigorous Advanced Placement exam. APUSH is a **challenging** course that is designed to be the equivalent of a freshman college course in a high school setting. We will be studying American history from pre-Columbian society to present day. Solid reading and writing skills, along with the willingness to devote a considerable amount of time to outside reading and studying, are necessary to be successful in this course. **On average, APUSH students have 45 minutes to an hour of homework EACH night.**

APUSH is a **demanding** but enjoyable class that requires extensive background knowledge in US history; therefore it is important that we hit the ground running in August. It is **strongly encouraged** that every APUSH student completes the following assignment over the summer. The assignment will be due for ALL students on **MONDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>**. We recommend starting this assignment as soon as possible.

### Part I:

Please purchase the following the book, affectionately called "AMSCO".

***United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination (2019 Edition) by John J. Newman and John M. Schmalbach, AMSCO Publishing.***

You MUST get the 2019 edition as it mirrors the new style of the AP US History exam. New copies of this book can be ordered at [www.amscopub.com](http://www.amscopub.com) To find the book it is in the Social Studies, Advanced Placement, and finally click United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement® Examination. We DO NOT recommend you borrowing a book from a previous year as the test has changed formats AND you need to make your OWN notes in the book to best understand the information.

### Part II:

Complete the following reading assignment from **AMSCO**. The goal of this assignment is simple; APUSH is a survey course and the volume of content (over 400 years) that we are expected to cover in less than 10 months is a daunting task. This book is a well-written and concise summary of American history. **The value of this assignment will become apparent to you as we get into the course. This assignment will help you succeed in APUSH.**

- 1) Read and annotate (highlight, write in the margins, etc.) the Introduction.
- 2) Read and annotate (highlight, write in the margins, etc.) Chapters 1-15.
- 3) For each chapter, write a 10-15 sentence summary about the historical period. Focus on the BIG IDEAS (cause and effects of major events, significance of Constitutional changes/Supreme Court decisions, important people, etc.) presented throughout the chapter. Summaries must be typed and will be submitted to Turnitin.com at the beginning of the school year. Plagiarism or group work will not be tolerated.
- 4) On Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, you will turn in your summaries to turnitin.com and will take an AP style test over the material presented in AMSCO. You will be able to use your notes on the test.

We look forward to having you in our classes this fall.

If you have any questions feel free to email us  
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