

2022-23 Advanced Placement U.S. History (Grade 11) Summer Assignments

Full Name of course: Advanced Placement United States History

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Course Description:

Students will explore, analyze, and interpret the nine periods of American history from pre-contact through the present. Particular emphasis will be placed on learning how to succeed on the AP exam by learning how to effectively complete multiple-choice questions, respond to short answer questions, craft an argument for long essay questions, and analyze documents for a document-based question. Students will be required to obtain the AP level textbook determined by the instructor during the summer before entering the course. This college-level course meets graduation requirements for the state of North Carolina but also provides the opportunity to earn college credit if proficiency is demonstrated on the Advance Placement Exam. Students are required to take the AP exam in May. Exam Fee required.

Your Summer Introduction and Documents:

You will no doubt remember from our interest meeting that you have several assignments to complete over the summer. Based on the overwhelming nature of how much material we will need to cover this year, you must begin your study of American history before school begins in August. The College Board decided that American history should be divided into nine periods. It will be your task to begin the first two periods before we meet. These two periods will represent about 10% of the total AP Exam next May. I have decided that you will not need to purchase the American Pageant textbook (unless you desperately want to, in which case – that’s terrific). I have created a PDF version of the book that I will share with you from my Google Drive folder here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aIw17CgwWH37ICNUac-6wpWf7Z2bA_VY?usp=sharing . Download these chapters to your school and home computers so that you have them at all times. These chapters have corresponding reading guides on my Google Drive here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1shtEUgHdyMh_w6EQ8P8r4oLpWhKLyQF6?usp=sharing .Download these to your school computer and home computer too. Chapters 1-6 represent AP Periods 1 and 2. So you will need to complete those. You do not need to fill out the definitions, only complete the ‘fill-in-the-blank’ and short answer, usually the first two or three pages. The definition lists are people/terms/items that you should be aware of but I will only be grading the first portion of each chapter.

Though you do not need to buy the textbook unless you want, I am requiring that you buy a test prep book from Princeton Review, please get the 2022 edition. It is cheaper and there is no difference between that one and this year’s, other than the price. This will help with studying content and the exam format. We will need it during the year too. *Princeton Review AP U.S. History Prep, 2022* - (College Test Preparation) by The Princeton Review (Paperback). ISBN – **9780525571056**.

On the first week of the new school year during Social Studies test day you will be given a test on the first SIX CHAPTERS that you completed over the summer. This test will be multiple choice and should be easily completed if you complete the chapter assignments. All of the

information on that introductory test will come straight from the first six chapter worksheets. This test will help you and me determine if AP is the right fit.

Summer Assignments: All due the first day of class

Assignment 1: Write an introduction of yourself using the following format: Five paragraphs that include an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. This should be handwritten in BLUE or BLACK pen. I will deduct points from work this year written in pencil. This is because I cannot read pencil and you will need to complete your AP written exam in pen, meaning it is time to practice writing in pen now! In this introduction you will tell me who you are, interesting things about yourself that I should know, why you are taking this class (honestly), your favorite issue to study in American history, and anything else that you think is relevant for me to know (are you a history nerd like me, do you play sports, why you are at Bishop, future college and career plans... these are just ideas to work off of but the introduction is largely open in nature for you to tell me anything I should know about you).

Assignment 2: Read Chapter 1 New World Beginnings and complete Worksheet

Assignment 3: Read Chapter 2 Planting of English America and complete Worksheet

Assignment 4: Read Chapter 3 The Northern Colonies and complete Worksheet

Assignment 5: Read Chapter 4 Seventeenth Century American Life and complete Worksheet

Assignment 6: Read Chapter 5 Eighteenth Century Colonial Society and complete Worksheet

Assignment 7: Read Chapter 6 The Duel for North America and complete Worksheet

Assignment 8: Use your newly purchased test prep book or online resources to familiarize yourself with the AP multiple choice style. This style is different from how you have been trained your whole life. The AP style usually includes a stimulus (photograph, document, map...) and three-four questions associated with the stimulus. Your first test in this class (and every test) will be in this format. If you fail the first test that will cover chapters 1-6, I will recommend that you be placed into an honors or CP U.S. history course.

Assignment 9: This assignment is RECOMMENDED but NOT REQUIRED. Begin watching the YouTube Crash Course series on American history with John Green. Yes, I know that he is cheesy, and the gags have lost their luster over the last decade, but I still love these videos and we will watch many of these videos during the year to help our understanding. You should watch episodes 1 – 6 linked here:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmepBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s>

Notes about summer assignments – everything should be completed in blue or black pen. If it is not, I will hand it back to you and make you redo it with a late penalty. The only thing you will need a pencil for in this class is in the rare instance we will need to use a scantron.

You may complete these assignments at your own pace. However, you should note that if you choose to wait until the weekend before the new year begins, you will cause yourself a great deal of trouble and may not produce quality work. These NINE summer assignments will let me know your level of preparation and dedication to this course. If your summer work is sub-par, I will recommend that you be placed in an honors or CP course instead.

If you have questions, please contact me at treagin@bmhs.us

Have a great summer! I truly look forward to working with you all this year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Timothy Reagin