

# WELCOME TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S. HISTORY.

It is a pleasure to have you as students for the 2020-2021 school year. As you are aware, we will have summer assignments to complete before school resumes in August. I will be posting the recommended completion dates (RCDs) for the assignments on EDMODO, but you are not required to complete them by these deadlines. They are pacing guidelines that will allow you to manage your time more efficiently, during the summer, especially since you are likely to be traveling or otherwise engaged with employment or other diversions. All assignments will be posted as "Notes" on this Edmodo site. Please note that all assignments, **with the exception of the paper**, MUST be completed by the beginning of your class period when we return to school. Naturally, you could choose to wait until the weekend before school begins to complete the required summer assignments, but this would be a risky proposition since it could mean that you will have to choose another U.S. History placement.

To sign up for EDMODO go to Edmodo.com and use the following code: 7wbpd3

Within a couple days you will be accepted into the class and you will have access to all of my announcements.

Thank you for registering for AP U.S. History. We will have a challenging year, but you should find that it is also fun (at times) and rewarding (in July of 2021 when AP scores are released).

## SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

SHW#1 Recommended Completion Date (RCD) 6/14/20

-Bookmark the TEXTBOOK link below on your internet browser. This is the E-Book that we will be using for our study of U.S. History. <https://www.ushistory.org/us/index.asp>

-After you have bookmarked the textbook page I would like you to write an introduction of yourself using the following format: 5 paragraphs that include an introduction with a thesis statement (at end of first paragraph), 3 body paragraphs that elaborate on your thesis, and a conclusion paragraph. Each paragraph must have at least 3 sentences minimum. Your essay should be HANDWRITTEN, on lined paper, with a black pen (all writing in this course will be in black pen only!). You may scan your essay, or take a legible picture of it with your phone, in order to attach it to an e-mail that you will send to me.

Your subject line should have your name (first and last) and the assignment number (SHW#1).

-One of the skills that you will be developing this year is an attention to detail. Please follow all directions closely, since your grades will be modified for deviations from the assignment instructions.

SHW#2---RCD 6/28/20

-Read chapter one of your TEXTBOOK using the link which you previously bookmarked.

-After you have read the chapter you will download the assignment sheet and completed the 20 required definitions. Please note that these definitions should be filled out in the context of the assigned reading. If you google the terms (rather than reading) you will likely fill out a response that is correct but completely out of context. Such a response would not receive credit since it is not applicable to our study of American History. After completing the definitions you will answer the assigned essay prompt using the following format: 5 paragraphs that include an introduction with a thesis statement that answers the prompt completely (at end of first paragraph), 3 body paragraphs that elaborate on your thesis (with evidence), and a conclusion paragraph. Each paragraph must have at least 3 sentences minimum. Your essay should be HANDWRITTEN, on the assignment sheet, with a black pen. You may scan it, or take a legible picture of it with your phone, in order to attach it to an e-mail that you will send to me with the image attached. Your subject line should have your name (first and last) and the assignment number (SHW#2).

### SHW#3---RCD 7/12/20

-Read chapter TWO of your TEXTBOOK. Take the "Instant Quiz" to informally (no need to report your score) assess your understanding of chapter two.

-After you have read the chapter you will download the Chapter Two assignment sheet and completed the 20 required definitions. Please note that these definitions should be filled out in the context of the assigned reading. If you google the terms (rather than reading) you will likely fill out a response that is correct but completely out of context. Such a response would not receive credit since it is not applicable to our study of American History. After completing the definitions you will answer the assigned essay prompt using the following format: 5 paragraphs that include an introduction with a thesis statement that answers the prompt completely (at end of first paragraph), 3 body paragraphs that elaborate on your thesis, and a conclusion paragraph. Each paragraph must have at least 3 sentences minimum. Your essay should be HANDWRITTEN, on assignment sheet, with a black pen. You may scan it, or take a legible picture of it with your phone, in order to attach it to an e-mail that you will send to me with the image attached. Your subject line should have your name (first and last) and the assignment number (SHW#3).

### SHW#4---RCD 7/26/20

-Read chapter THREE of your TEXTBOOK. Take the "Instant Quiz" (End of 3g) to informally assess your understanding of chapter Three.

-After you have read the chapter you will download the Chapter Three assignment sheet and completed the 20 required definitions. Please note that these definitions should be filled out in the context of the assigned reading. If you google the terms (rather than reading) you will likely fill out a response that is correct but completely out of context. Such a response would not receive credit since it is not applicable to our study of American History. After completing the definitions you will answer the assigned essay prompt using the following format: 5 paragraphs that include an introduction with a thesis statement that answers the prompt completely (at end of first paragraph), 3 body paragraphs that elaborate on your thesis, and a conclusion paragraph. Each paragraph must have at least 3 sentences minimum. Your essay should be HANDWRITTEN, on assignment sheet, with a black pen. You may scan it, or take a legible picture of it with your phone, in order to attach it to an e-mail that you will send to me with the image attached. Your subject line should have your name (first and last) and the assignment number (SHW#4).

### SHW#5---RCD 8/9/20

-Read chapter FOUR of your TEXTBOOK.

-After you have read the chapter you will download the Chapter Four assignment sheet and completed the 20 required definitions. After completing the definitions you will answer the assigned essay prompt. Your essay should be HANDWRITTEN, on assignment sheet, with a black pen. You may scan it, or take a legible picture of it with your phone, in order to attach it to an e-mail that you will send to me with the image attached. Your subject line should have your name (first and last) and the assignment number (SHW#5).

Please remember that all summer assignments, with the exception of the paper, will be due at the beginning of your class period on the day that we return to school.

I have attached the paper requirements so that you will have the **whole summer** to write the paper in time for the testing day (all major assignments and tests will be due/completed on the History department test day) deadline of the week we return to school.

Please procure a black composition book (see sample below) prior to the first day of school. It would be wise to pick up a second composition book at the same time since you might want it later during the school year. You may use any notes that are handwritten into this notebook on your Chapters 1-4 Quiz that will be held on the first day of school. This quiz will be composed of 20 Multiple Choice questions. This notebook, which we will call a "Cheat Book," may

be used for quizzes and exams, during the course of the school year. The only exceptions to this policy are ALBERT quizzes, the first semester exam (AP simulation), the third quarter Nine-Week Exam (AP Simulation), and the fourth quarter Nine-Week Exam (presidents).



If you have any questions, please contact me at [ppreudhomme@bmhs.us](mailto:ppreudhomme@bmhs.us)

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. A. Preudhomme Sr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Patrick A. Preudhomme Sr.