

Welcome APUSHers,

The purpose of the summer reading and assignments are to give you a head start so that we are able to cover the content necessary for you to be successful on the AP exam, which is Friday, May 8th, 2020. It will also get you familiar with some of the documents and forms that we will use throughout the school year. These summer readings and assignments are **mandatory** and due **Wednesday, August 14th, 2019**, the first day of school.

ASSIGNMENT 1: You will need to check out the textbook from the book store for the reading. Over the summer you will need to read Chapters 1 and 2 and submit notes to Turnitin.com. This will be how we turn in notes all year long. It is expected that you take detailed notes in your own words and the expectation is that your similarity reports not exceed 33% in order to receive credit.

In addition, I will send an email with a link to the second portion of your summer work. A large portion of our work in AP US History is with primary and secondary sources. The link will send you to a TES Blendspace lesson with directions and activities. Follow the directions on Blendspace to complete assignments 2-5 these will also be due the 1st day of school.

ASSIGNMENT 2: Complete 2 movie reviews.
ASSIGNMENT 3: Complete 2 Bhippo analyses.
ASSIGNMENT 4: Complete 2 SICK picture analyses.
ASSIGNMENT 5: Complete 2 political cartoon analyses.

Some assignments will be of your choice others have been already assigned to you. All documents and forms will be on Blendspace.

AP U.S. History may seem a bit overwhelming right now, but that is certainly not my intent. I am trying to do everything I can to ensure your success in this class and on the AP Exam. This is a class (and exam) EVERYONE can be successful in, but it does require a lot of hard work and effort on your part. We will cover 1-2 chapters each week and, in order to do well on the AP Exam, you MUST read the book on your own time. The section-by-section handouts are designed to help you better comprehend what you are reading and will be collected for points. As the summer goes on I will email or use remind 101 to communicate other important information.

Last but not least, I will be sending a welcome email and remind 101 in the next couple of days with along with the Blendspace link, please do me a favor and reply to this email so I know that I have a correct email for you. Of course, feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns. I will be checking my email and remind throughout the summer. Thanks so much... I look forward to a great year with you!

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<https://www.tes.com/lessons/Pd-ZDzbtdEHIOQ/apush-summer-assignment>



TURNITIN.COM REGISTRATION

If you would like students to enroll themselves in this class, they will need both the enrollment key you have chosen and the unique class ID generated by Turnitin:

Class ID **21293863**

Enrollment key **ALTAPUSH20**

AP Classroom Procedures and Expectations

- This is a college level class and it will be conducted as such. The expectations, standards and workload will be intense, reading especially. The writing we be expected to be at acceptable college level. The reason being, colleges use this course and test to determine if you can test out of their U.S. History courses. The more prestigious colleges only accept the highest scores.
- This is a tough course and test, 50% of students earn a 1 or 2. (13 of 20 last school year) If you were one of these students you may not receive college credit, but it does not mean you failed. There are other benefits to taking AP classes.
 - Studies have shown those students complete AP classes that more likely to succeed in college. College admission offices like to see students who have taking on challenges such as AP classes. If you do have to take US history again in college you will have many of the skills, content knowledge and experience of what a college courses is like. GPA bump.
- **Reading:** Reading is the backbone of this class. You must read all assignments from the text and supplemental readings BEFORE coming to class. We will not be able to cover everything in your readings in class, yet you are still responsible for knowing yah in understanding the material. You are to take your own notes on the reading so that you may better process the information. **Notes must be handwritten and in pen.** (If you have question about this policy, you can refer to the article posted on the class website). If you do not understand something or are having trouble processing the information, do not hesitate to ask.
- Participation and completion of work: Students are expected to read all assignments before they are discussed, turn in homework when it is due, and participate in classroom discussion. Daily reading and review is more beneficial than one evening of cramming. Not all topics can be discussed in class, but all can be asked on exams. You are always encouraged to ask questions and raise issues.

What is the difference between AP and Academic/Honors History courses?

1. AP courses equate to a first year college level course; therefore, students may earn college credit for the course.
2. In AP History classes, students are expected to read and write at an advanced level.
3. The work load is much heavier in AP History courses.
4. There is an emphasis on outside reading from college-level texts and primary source documents.
5. AP courses typically involve a lot of discussion and are writing intensive.

Academic or Honors Classes	Advanced Placement Classes
Teachers tend to provide more direct instruction.	Students are generally self-motivated. The teacher's role is primarily as facilitator of learning.
Homework is assigned regularly and is collected for a grade. Students complete homework generally in order to earn or maintain a grade in addition to reinforcing information covered in class.	Homework is assigned, but not all may be collected or graded. Students may have fewer grades per quarter. The purpose of homework is to reinforce classroom activities and to fill gaps in knowledge. Students are expected to complete this individually. Students may be tested on information not specifically covered during class time, but was discussed in assigned readings.
The course may resemble traditional high school classes.	An AP course may resemble what is seen in university classrooms. Students are provided a college-level textbook and supplemental readings.