



Ayala High School
AP US History
2021–2022

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What Is AP US History?

- College equivalent rigor
- Survey of major events in US History, 1491 – now
- Emphasizes concepts, thinking, and writing (not memorization)
- Same skills and exam structure as AP Euro

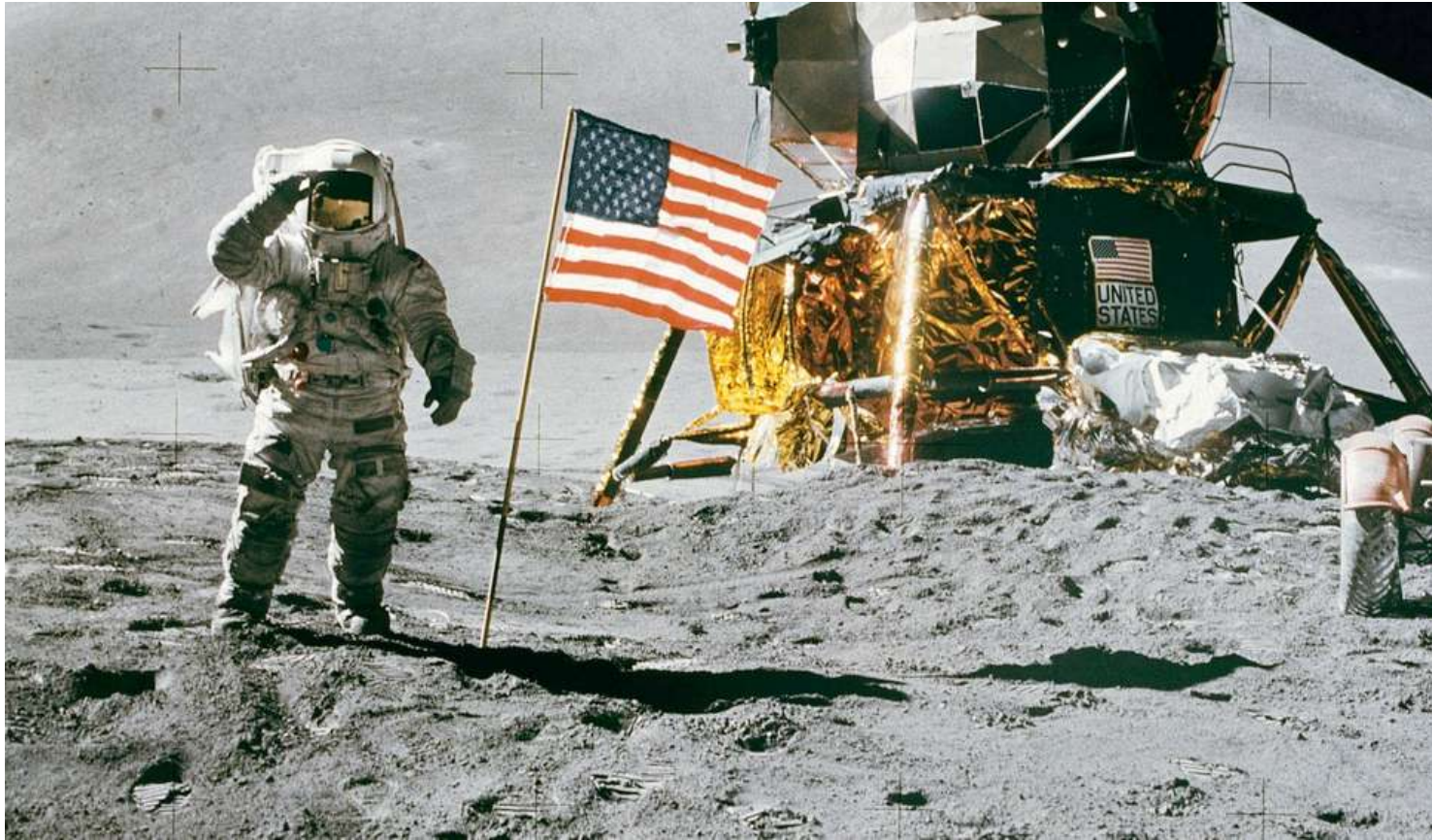


What Is the Course Pacing and Units?

9 historical units (1 per month)

- August: 1491–1607
- September: 1607–1754
- October: 1754–1800
- November: 1800–1848
- December: 1844–1877
- January: 1865–1898
- February: 1890–1945
- March: 1945–1980
- April: 1980–present
- May: Review / AP Exam

About 50–100 pages of reading in textbook per unit.



What does a day or week look like?

- Direct Instruction (daily/weekly)
- Document Analysis (weekly)
- Writing Instruction (weekly)
- Discussions/Debates (regularly)
- Test Practice (regularly)
- Projects (occasionally)
- Assessments (monthly)



How is the Class Graded?

60% assessments

- Multiple Choice
- Short Answer
- Document Based Essay
- Long Essay Question

40% assignments

- Class activities
- Homework
- Practice questions

- Most students earn A's or B's
- Class grades rounded up to the nearest whole number
- Extra grade point for AP



What About the AP US History Exam?

- All students are strongly encouraged to take the APUSH exam
- Early May 2022
(probably \$95)
- Ayala APUSH students significantly outperform national average



What Tips will help Students Succeed?

- Take responsibility for your own learning
- Do each assignment as well as you can
- Don't procrastinate
- Don't cheat
- Form a study group
- Review regularly
- Use extra resources
- Earn the "easy" points



Why Choose AP US History?

- No busy work
- No summer, Thanksgiving or Christmas work
- Become a better-informed citizen, writer, and critical thinker
- Earn college credit (two semesters worth)
- Because it's fun!