

AP US History Summer Reading Assignment

Congratulations on your decision to take AP US History. An AP course is designed to simulate a freshmen level college course, meaning that you can potentially earn college credit if you pass the AP exam at the end of the school year. Consequently, this means that this course will be reading and writing intensive like a college-level course. In order to prepare for the upcoming year, your work begins over the summer.

Instructions:

You will need to complete a series of reading assignments prior to the start of the school year. Completing the reading will be vital to your success in this course because you will have a test on the 3rd day of class on the first unit.

All of the required readings are posted on the school website. On the homepage you will see a tab on the left hand side that says "Summer Reading". Click on that link and scroll down until you find the list and attachments for this course. Your readings are listed below:

1. Textbook Reading-p3-46-All these pages, including images, have been imported into a word document.
2. "Imperial Rivalries" Article-Follow the link
3. "Columbian Exchange" Article-Follow the link
4. "Indian Slavery" Article-Follow the link

In order to help you organize and process this information, reading guides will also be posted on the school website. The reading guides for the articles will be graphic organizers that you can use to take notes. The reading guide that accompanies the textbook will include central questions and a list of key terms and key people for the unit. The key terms and key people will be included on the exam, so it is important that you begin to work on learning the information.

Important Dates First Unit:

8/27-Quizlet Assignment Due(See Below)

8/28(A Day)/8/31(B Day)-Unit 1 Test

In order help you process and learn the essential vocabulary for each unit, I have created a Quizlet that includes all the key terms and key people. You will need to take a test on Quizlet, including all the terms, score a 95% and then upload a print screen to Edmodo. I will make this available to you on the first day of class. The website will allow you to take the test multiple times, but it also has features where you can practice/play games to help you learn the material.

Reading Materials:

I will distribute a textbook on the first day of class and that will be the primary text for this course. However, there are many review books on the market that can help you prepare for the exam at the end of the year and learn material as we move through the course. I strongly recommend that you acquire the book listed below:

United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination by AMSCO Publishing.

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