

AP US HISTORY / SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT/ MR. LIPMAN 2015

In order to prepare for the AP US history course, you are to read portions of the book *Colonial America, a very short introduction* (2013) by Alan Taylor. The paperback version is available very cheaply. Its ISBN is 978-0-19-976623-9. It is a very short and small book that deals with the early civilizations, explorations, and settlements of the new world. By doing this reading and assignment you will become familiar with some material that you need to know for the AP exam but which we will not cover extensively in class. You are not supposed to try and memorize the portions of the book assigned. Rather, you are merely to read the chapters to familiarize yourself with the key issues and topics being covered.

Once you have actually read the assigned chapters you should complete the assignment posed below. I have no doubt that if you do the assignment you will perform much better on the tests we take and paper assignments which are given out. Your typed answers are due no later than the second day of school in September, regardless of which period/day you have me. I am located in room 126 and expect that if you don't have me that day you will still bring your assignment to me. My policy, on all assignments, is to reduce your grade by 25% for the first day it's late and 50% for the second day it's late. After that your assignment will not be accepted. This will be a summative assignment. As always you may contact me with any questions at nlipman@longbranch.k12.nj.us

ASSIGNMENT:

You are to read chapters 1, 4, 5, and 7, this is a total of 62 pages. After reading these chapters you are to write a one paragraph summary of the chapter which highlights the theme of the chapter. Then you will create three questions for each chapter and answer the questions you created. Your questions should focus on the key concepts that the author is trying to convey concerning the time period being described.

Please note that the only types of questions that are acceptable are: "ANALYZE", "WHY", "HOW", and perhaps EXPLAIN". Under no circumstances are any other styles of questions acceptable. These acceptable questions require you to use higher thinking skills and require more complete or complex answers and therefore they will help you learn the material better. Be sure to realize that questions that ask What, or Who or How Much, or When are not acceptable as such questions call only for a simple answer.

FORMAT:

Your work should be in font 12, Times New Roman, and 1 ½ inch spaced. It should be completed in chronological order. Thus you will write a summary of chapter one and then type out your three questions and answers for that chapter. I expect that each answer will probably be 3 to 5 sentences long in order to answer the question completely. I do NOT want a cover page. Just put your name and APUSH summer work in the left hand corner at the top of the first page.

I look forward to meeting all of you and anticipate an exciting school year