APUSH – SQRRR Reading Assignment Note-taking Instructions

➢ **Goal** of SQRRR as note-taking

The SQ3R creates a superior method for taking reading notes because the reader is cognitively interactive with the material and not just passively writing down items by rote memorization.

> *S = SUMMARY   Q = QUESTION   3R = READ, REVIEW, AND REFLECT*

➢ **Format** of SQRRR

1. Read the entire sequence of passages from the course textbooks that are assigned that week in the unit. Also review any Powerpoints and/or supplemental resources posted in the Google Classroom or course website concerning the material we are covering.

2. Type a single **SUMMARY** paragraph (no less than 5 sentences in length), which reviews the general "big picture" ideas that the reading covered. You MUST include at least **5 key events or topics** in the summary or points will be subtracted from your submission.

3. Create a series of comprehensive **QUESTIONS** based upon the various assigned reading pages of the material. The number of questions will vary depending upon the number of pages and topics being assigned.

  - The questions must be numbered
  - The questions must be typed in **bold print**
  - The only types of questions that are acceptable are: **"ANALYZE", "WHY", "HOW", DESCRIBE or EXPLAIN".** These acceptable questions require more complete or complex answers and therefore will help you learn the material better. Question types such as "HOW MUCH" or "HOW MANY" or "WHO" or "WHAT" are not acceptable as such questions call only for a simple answer.

4. Type out a paragraph **REFLECTION** response (no less than 5 sentences in length) that fully answers each question. THE MORE COMPLETE YOUR ANSWERS ARE THE MORE THESE NOTES WILL HELP FOR YOUR TEST REVIEW. In the process of answering the questions, you will be READING, REVIEWING, AND REFLECTING upon the material.

➢ **Submission** of SQRRR

Your entire submission should not exceed four (4) pages. Points will be subtracted for excess pages. Why?

  - This expectation holds the note-taker to only writing/explaining enough to answer question topics, and not feeling the urge to write everything found in the text.
  - Students will need to edit their responses (reflect) and possibly re-size font to package notes in 4 pgs.
  - When printing notes, reduce paper usage by printing Front-Back (on long edge). This would condense all your notes to two (2) pages.

6. NOTE: The first several assignments which are completed using this method may seem to take a great deal of time to write. However, this method has been found to be far superior to any other type of note taking and it will get easier the more you do. The better your assignments, the better you will perform on the exams and your understanding of the material will improve.