

May 14, 2019

Dear AP US History Students for 2019-2020:

As it is the expectation of students enrolled in the Honors Program, you will have an assignment to complete over the summer to prepare for AP US History.

Relax, it is completely within your ability to achieve and will not take you weeks to complete. Rest assured, no students have died or even had a nervous breakdown in the completion of this assignment! This task reflects my expectations for the caliber of student you are and the dedication you will show throughout the class next school year. If you feel that this assignment is far beyond your capabilities, please contact your counselor now about making a different U.S. History selection for next year. I am confident that your past Honors/AP World History teachers have prepared you well for the class and that the counselors won't be receiving multiple change requests.

All of the materials have been placed on Edmodo for you this year. In order to navigate your way to the assignments and the materials to use to complete the assignments, follow these instructions:

1. Go to edmodo.com and enter this group code: 4pefwy. **You must do this immediately, as the group will automatically lock within a few days, not letting anyone else join.**
2. Pdfs of all of the materials are or will be available on that site.
3. Please bookmark this and if you have a Smartphone, you can actually download a free app at edmodo to access it.
4. Periodically throughout the summer I will be posting the remainder of the assignment materials and reminders about how to best be prepared for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year in APUSH.

There will be four components to your Summer assignment. Components 1-2 must be completed July 20th in order to be prepared for the on-line test. Component 3 (the summer test) will open around July 18th to 22nd and it will be available for two weeks. Components 1, 2, and 4 will be handed in to your teacher on the first day of class.

Component #1: Reading and completing text activities for Unit One and Unit Two

- Chapter Two Assignment

Pacing Recommendations: About 2 hours (May or June)

Component #2: Reading and Note-Taking for Debate Topic: “Were the Europeans who Conquered/Settled the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries Guilty of Genocide?”

- Read the primary and secondary sources provided
- Complete the debate organization sheet—information from a majority of the provided sources should be listed; source needs to be provided for each

piece of evidence listed in order to receive full credit for this assignment.

Pacing Recommendation: About 4 hours (June or early July)

Component #3: AP Practice Test for Unit One

- Test and an answer document will be posted on Edmodo around July 18
- Short Answer document will be collected from all students on the first day of class (short session day).

Pacing Recommendation: 90 minutes (July)

Component #4: Fill in the Colonial Chart for the British Colonies.

- Chapter Three Assignment
- Read the secondary sources provided.
- Fill in the chart with detailed analysis for each region.

Pacing Recommendation: About 4 hours (July or August)

There will also be a couple of additional readings posted on Edmodo in August that you will need to read to be prepared for the first full day of class.

You can download and print any of the materials provided there or just do the readings on your computer screen and spare a tree or two. Be assured that all of this work is directly linked to activities that will be completed in class during the first weeks. This is not work for the sake of keeping you busy or ruining your summer. Don't procrastinate about getting started on it. It is far too much to complete in a day or two before the school year begins in August. If you don't get the work done, besides having a huge and uncorrectable grade deficit in the fall, you will be completely unprepared for major grade-affecting activities in the first few days of class in August.

I know I should not have to include this paragraph, but major incidents of plagiarism on summer homework over the last two summers make it necessary. Do your own work. Don't copy someone else's work. If you do, you will be caught and earn a zero for 164 points. Your grade will likely never recover from that deficit. Keep in mind that is likely that one Short Answer Question and one Long Essay Question on the APUSH exam in the spring will come from this material. The only way you will be prepared for those is reading and doing your own work on this assignment.

I am looking forward to exploring American history with you next school year in AP US History. If you have any problems or questions about the assignments—please e-mail us at cpendergast@mchs.net or gsmith@mchs.net or tshields@mchs.net. You can also contact us through the edmodo site and can actually have discussions on that site regarding the assigned readings. Have a great summer and I look forward to working with all of you next school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith (3B class) Mr. Pendergast (1B & 4B classes) Mr. Shields (2A class)