

May 15, 2020

Dear AP US History Students for 2020-2021:

Welcome to AP United States History! In order to best prepare you for this course and the AP test, we have compiled summer readings and activities that completely cover Period 1 and a portion of Period 2. You can work on these at your own pace. The assessment of this material will take place during the first and 2nd week of class with specific details listed below. All of the materials have been placed on Google Classroom for you. In order to navigate your way to the assignments and the materials to use to complete the assignments, follow these instructions:

1. Using your school email address, please join the Google Classroom titled AP United States History Summer Materials. The course code is yvm2mxe
2. Pdfs and/or Word Documents of all of the materials are or will be available on that site.
3. Please turn notifications on for this course. Updates will be posted throughout the summer.

Period 1 Folder

In the 2nd week of class, we will be issuing a quiz on materials from Period 1. The Summary and Review Questions will not be taken for a grade, but they are still valuable tools to help ensure you understand the readings.

- Chapter One Reading
- Chapter Two Reading
- Learning Targets for Assigned Readings
- Summary and Review Questions

Debate Folder

At the end of the first week of class, we will hold an in-class debate regarding this topic: “Were the Europeans who Conquered/Settled the New World in the 16th and 17th centuries Guilty of Genocide?”

The debate organization sheet will be collected and taken for a grade after the debate.

- Primary and secondary sources provided
- You may utilize outside sources but it is not required.
- 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.

Period 2 Folder

This course moves quickly through content. The provided materials in this folder will be further discussed and addressed in week 2 and beyond.

- Frasier Chapter 3 and 4
- Garetty Chapter 2

We are looking forward to exploring American history with you next school year in AP US History. If you have any problems or questions about the summer materials—please email us at cpendergast@mchs.net, tshields@mchs.net, or cserpe@mchs.net. You can also contact us through Google Classroom and can have discussions on that site regarding the readings. Have a great summer and we look forward to working with all of you next school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pendergast

Mr. Shields

Ms. Serpe