

Welcome to AP U.S. History Back to School Night!

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Course Introduction

Representative of first-year college survey courses in U.S. History

Emphasizes analytical skills and factual knowledge to deal critically with U.S. History

Students can take Advanced Placement Exam in May

- **Passing scores may earn college credit—dependent upon college/university policies**

AP Exam

Multiple Choice:

- 55 Questions
- 55 minutes to complete

Short Answer Questions:

- One “long” paragraph.
- Four questions, 50 minutes to complete

Document Based Question (DBQ)

- “Secret” five paragraph essay
- Answer incorporates information from 6-8 documents.
- One question, 60 minutes total to complete

Long Essay Question (LEQ)

- Two standard historical essay questions; students choose one
- 35 minutes to complete each question

Make-Up of AP Course

Period	Date Range	Study	Instructional Time
1	1491–1607	Pre-Columbian Period to Early Colonization	5% (4 Days)
2	1607–1754	Early Colonization to Eve of Independence	10% (8 Days)
3	1754–1800	French and Indian War to “New Nation”	12% (10 Days)
4	1800–1848	Nationalism and Sectionalism	10% (6 Days)
5	1844–1877	Sectional Crisis, Civil War, and Reconstruction	13% (11 Days)
6	1865–1898	Reconstruction to Rapid Industrialization	13% (11 Days)
7	1890–1945	Imperialism, World Wars, and Economic Crisis	17% (14 Days)
8	1945–1980	Cold War and Social Change	15% (14 Days)
9	1980–Present	New Conservatism to Election of Obama	5% (4 Days)

Types of Assignments

Viewing Notes

- These are short videos (approx. 7-30 minutes) designed to “flip” the content students need to know so that we can work on clarifying understanding and skill development during class sessions.

Bellwork

- Short writing assessments given at the beginning of class to help reinforce content requirements and AP writing skills.

Textbook Reading

- Assigned reading from college-level textbook. Unit Guide to help students prepare

Document Analyses

- One—two page written analyses of primary source documents

Works by other historians

- Professional journal articles surrounding historical “controversies.”

Research projects

- Depends on unit in regard to length

Communication

In-class posting

- Roughly every other week

Web Grade Posting

- Some delay with written work.

Progress Reports

As needed basis

- Please contact me anytime!
- (It's a good head's up)

APUSH Exam Information

Exam Date—May 5, 2017

AVOID THE MAY 6 SAT EXAM DATE!

Special Info:

Outside-of-school study time essential

- Study sessions (Saturdays) will be scheduled
- Generally 8:00 AM—12:00 PM on Saturdays
- March 2017 11, 18, 25
- April 2017: 1, 22, 29
- Some after-school dates will be scheduled

Contact

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Meetings:

- Please schedule in advance
- Drop-ins can be difficult to accommodate