

AP US History

AP Night 2021



What is AP US History?

- pre-Columbian contacts in North America (represented symbolically by the date 1491) to the present



Themes covered in AP US History

- ◉ Identity
- ◉ Work, Exchange, and Technology
- ◉ Peopling
- ◉ Politics and Power
- ◉ America in the World
- ◉ Environment and Geography — Physical and Human
- ◉ Ideas, Beliefs, and Culture

Who should Take AP US History?

- Motivated juniors who are willing to take on an intellectual challenge.

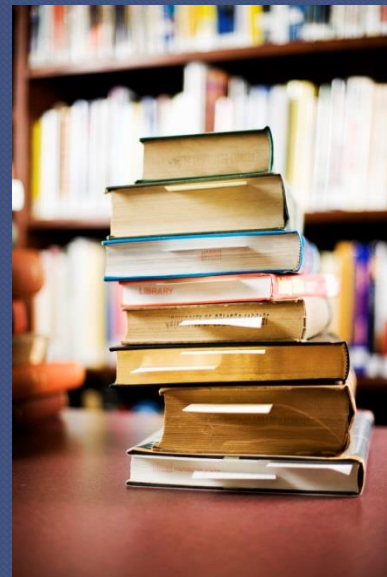


What skills are needed to be successful?

- PSAT Critical Reading and Writing scores in 50th percentile.
- Above average writing skills.
- Academic maturity and organization.
- Time!
- Interest in US History

What kind of time commitment is expected?

- 4-5 Hours of reading and note taking per week.
- Early morning review sessions (7:30)
- Extra time to prepare for final exam and AP Test.



The AP Exam

- The AP U.S. History Exam consists of four parts, organized as follows:
 - **Section 1**
 - Part A: Multiple-choice questions (55 questions)
 - Part B: Short-answer questions (3 questions)
 - **Section 2**
 - Part A: Document-based question (1 question)
 - Part B: Long response question (1 question)



Statistics about AP US History

- Average Grade in Class = 83 (plus 7pts)
- Average AP Score = 4.1
- % pass AP Score in typical Year = 90%+
- % pass with a 4 or 5 = 75%+
- Pages in Text Book read = about 1000
- Chapter Review sheets completed = 34
- Essays written = about 10 -12 per year
- Major Projects = 2

Why should you take AP US instead of regular US History?

- Academic challenge
- Develop deeper understanding of our history
- Great class discussion
- Probable college credit



What happens next?

- ◎ Talk to your parents about whether this is the right course for you and whether you are willing to do the work. Not doing the work does not mean a C, it means you will fail the class. This is not a class you can survive by being smart and listening in class.
- ◎ Ask someone who is currently taking the course. They can give you honest answers about whether this course is worth the effort.
- ◎ <http://www.collegeboard.org/>