

June 1, 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations & welcome to AP US History (APUSH)! I am excited to be your teacher in the upcoming school year. Please look over the following information regarding the purchase of your AP Test Prep Book which doubles as our textbook, as well as your summer museum visit and reading assignment. As you approach your studies, please consider the fact that history is a story. It is a discovery of who we are and what makes us tick as a nation, society and culture. Do not think of it as simply a knowledge dump and a conveyor belt of dates. While the content and the dates are important, it is vital to get into the flesh and blood of the story. What is happening? How does this story apply to us today? What does it mean for our future? I want you to attempt to actually enjoy the journey! This is why I am excited for you to purchase and read *The AMERICAN SPIRIT: WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE STAND FOR* by David McCullough. I am looking forward to our discussion we will have when we return in the fall. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to sharing the adventure with you.

Required Purchases for class:

1. *The AMERICAN SPIRIT: WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE STAND FOR* by David McCullough ISBN# 978-1-5011-7421-6
 - Purchase and read over the summer. You may purchase a used copy of this book from a current student if you wish.
2. Textbook: *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination 4th Edition* (Softback version).
<https://www.amscopub.com/catalog/category/view/s/amscopub-sup-r-sup-br-advanced-placement-sup-r-sup-br-united-states-history-4th-edition/id/2989/>
 - Textbook should be purchased and in your possession by Labor Day 2021. If you have difficulty getting the book, we can discuss it when we return in the fall. Do not worry about letting me know before then.

- PLEASE NOTE: Do not purchase a used marked up book from a sibling or current student Also, do not purchase the online version or the 2020 third edition of the textbook. Only teachers are permitted to purchase the Answer Guide.

AP U.S. History Assignment 2021-2022

Part 1 Due: First Day of School

Students should visit a museum or other historical sites and write about the experience in a journal format. DO NOT GO ON ANY VISIT WITHOUT YOUR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIANS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND/OR APPROVAL.

The following is a list of suggested places to visit. Basically, if the site has the word "Museum" in it, it will be fine to use for credit. If you have other ideas, let me know. **(If it becomes difficult to visit a museum due to COVID -19 I will accept a virtual tour. However, I ask that you please do your best to plan for an onsite visit.)**

- Ohio Historical Society & Ohio Village in Columbus, Ohio
- The Thurber House in Columbus, Ohio
- Motts Military Museum in Groveport, Ohio
- National Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio
- Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio

If you travel the country during the summer consider any well-known museum in New York, Washington D.C., Chicago etc. National Battlefields are also permissible (i.e. Yorktown, Lexington / Concord, Antietam, Gettysburg etc.).

Steps for Museum Visit and Credit:

1. Inform your parents / legal guardian of your plans to travel to the museum. Do not attend without parental / guardian permission.
2. Visit and tour the Museum / Site – have a notebook and pen with you to jot down what you have learned and your reactions to your visit.
3. Compose a 2 – 3-page typed Reflection Paper (Double Spaced – 12 Font, Times New Roman). Describe your visit and what you learned. This is one of the few papers that you may use “I” statements. You will turn in a hardcopy of the paper to Mr. Dinovo on the first day of school. Take pictures of you visiting the museum / historic site. Attach the pictures to the back of your reflection paper. Be prepared to discuss your visit during the first week of school.

Part 2 Due: First Day of School

Read: *The AMERICAN SPIRIT: WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE STAND FOR* by David McCullough

- As you read, take notes simply answering the question; According to David McCullough, who are we and what do we stand for? Feel free to highlight ideas in the book since you purchased it. We will be doing a group project early on in the year based on this reading.

Sincerely,

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