

June 1, 2022

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 required summer museum visit. 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 invite you enjoy the journey! 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. Textbook: *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination 4th Edition*
(Softback version -required)

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/high-school/high-school-social-stud/advanced-placement-social-studies/advanced-placement-united-states-history-4th-edition-t1688-g.html>

- Textbook should be purchased and in your possession by the first day of school on August 24, 2022 (Softback only)
- PLEASE NOTE: **Do not purchase a used marked up book from a sibling or current student.**

(Please see next page for assignments)

AP U.S. History Assignment 2022-2023**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.

- 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.

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