

Advanced Placement United States History – Mrs. Schnaar

Summer Assignment – 2008

I am looking forward to having you in my Advanced Placement U.S. History class this fall. The course has two goals: to educate you about our country's history and to prepare you for the AP exam. It has been my experience that students who study hard and come prepared for the challenge will do well on the AP exam.

I will help you succeed by teaching you new strategies to tackle college-level material, strategies that will give you a sense of accomplishment in what you can achieve. Not only will you be learning about U.S. History, but you will be learning how to be a college-level student.

AP classes move at a very fast pace, and there is a lot of content to cover. It will help if we start the school year with a few of the chapters behind us.

1. Text Assignment -

Using the textbook *American Pageant*, by Bailey and Kennedy (12th edition), complete the following:

- Read chapters 1-6 (make sure to study maps, pictures, charts, and political cartoons as well as the written text)
 - Take **2-3 pages** (do not write “extra small”) of handwritten notes on each chapter. Typed notes will not be accepted.
 - Do not try to get everything down – just what you consider the most important (relevant) ideas and events.
 - Your notes will be collected the 2nd week of school
- After you have completed taking notes on each chapter, go to the following website and take the chapter quiz (http://college.hmco.com/history/us/kennedy/am_pageant/12e/students/ace/index.html). This link takes you to the publisher's (Houghton Mifflin) resources for this text.
- After taking the quiz, print it, and staple it to the chapter notes.

2. **Map Test** - Students are expected to know the location of the 50 states (identify them on a blank map). Currently on my website, under U.S. History (then assignments) there is a link to a “game” that students may wish to use to study from.

Students enrolled in AP U.S. History are expected to complete these assignments over the summer, as additional work will be given the first week of school. Students will be given a map test the first week of school, and a test on the text material the 2nd week of school

I will be out of town from mid-July until early August, and probably will not have access to my email account for most of this time (although I will check it when I do have access). Students can email me with questions before I leave, and after I return. Good Luck! I look forward to meeting you all this fall.

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