

Summer Reading – Advanced Placement U.S. History

All students taking AP U.S. history must read the introduction and first 3 chapters of **United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination**, an Amsco Publication (see requirements from 2009-10 Course Catalog listed below)..

4331 Advanced Placement U.S. History P1

4332 Advanced Placement U.S. History P2

This course provides students with a thorough understanding of American History. It will be taught at the college level and requires the ability to critically interpret major historical questions and events. The course will cover American History from Colonization to the present. Advanced levels of critical thinking skills, analysis, and writing ability are required for this course. This course satisfies the Modern United States History graduation requirement. The AP Exam is recommended but not required. To obtain college credit, most colleges require a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam. Prerequisite: an A average in Modern World History and Early U.S. History, B or better average in English 10, and recommendation from Early U.S. History teacher. The following summer reading assignment must be completed before returning to school in August.

1. Read the introduction and first four chapters of **United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination**, an Amsco Publication.
2. Define and explain the historical significance (the who, what, when, where, and why it matters in history) for each item listed on the Key Names, Events, and Terms Lists at the end of the first four chapters. The lists can be found on pages 13, 36, 54, and 70. This will be due on the first day of class and is worth 50 points. No partial credit will be given.
3. A quiz on this material will be given on the first day of class and is worth 50 points.