

AP United States History Summer Assignment
(All written work for your summer assignment is due on the first day that we have
AP United States History class in 2021/2022 school year.)

****AP United States History – Summer Assignment Google Classroom code of xcdzlhs.**

A. Reading – Part I:

The first part of your summer assignment is to read the first five chapters in **United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination**.

An online 2010 edition of our textbook can be found using the following web address.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE 2010 EDITION OF THIS TEXTBOOK FOR YOUR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT!! DO NOT USE ANY OTHER EDITION OF THIS BOOK TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT!!

<https://ma.lvlhs.org/ourpages/auto/2012/4/12/58446259/TOP%20REVIEW%20TEXTBOOK.pdf>

- *Chapter 1 – Exploration, Discovery, and Settlement 1492-170** pg. 1-13
- *Chapter 2 – The Thirteen Colonies and the British Empire 1607-1750** pg. 23-36
- *Chapter 3 – Colonial Society in the Eighteenth Century** pg. 42-54
- *Chapter 4 – Imperial Wars and Colonial Protest 1754-1774** pg. 60-70
- *Chapter 5 – The American Revolution and Confederation 1774-1787:** pg. 77-89

Your reading from this text should bring you from the early exploration of America, through the colonial era and Revolution, and up to the creation of the Articles of Confederation. **(DO NOT DO ANY OF THE MULTIPLE CHOICE OR SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE BACK OF EACH CHAPTER.)**

****As a side note, I would read and share with your parents the introduction to this text. This does an excellent job of clearly explaining what this course and the AP examination.**

Familiarize yourself with the following major topics:

1. Why and how colonization took place.
2. Colonial government, economy, geography, and society.
3. Similarities and differences among the three colonial regions by 1763.
4. Why 1763 is a major watershed year in our history.
5. What pivotal events occurred leading up to and through the Revolution
6. What were the challenges facing America under the Articles of Confederation
7. All key people, events, concepts, terms, and institutions.

B. Reading/Writing – Part II

The second part of your AP United States History summer assignment is to define all of the key names, events, and terms located at the end of each chapter (pg. 13, 36, 54, 69-70, 88-89). ***You must use index cards for this!!*** Place the term on the front blank side of the card with the chapter and page number for reference. On the back of the index card please define what the item is and *why it is significant* to American history.

Research proves that index cards are the most helpful in preparing for exams throughout the year. Many of you will find that this will become part of your every day practice when reading subsequent chapters later in the course. **Please have your cards organized in order and separated by chapter at the time you hand them in to me!!**

I will be collecting your definitions on **the first day you have this class to start the 2021/2022 school year.** This will count as **two quiz grades.** Late work will be docked 10 points a day. No late work will be accepted after the first two weeks of the class.

C. Summer Reading Test

There will be an exam over your summer reading **within TWO weeks of your return to school.**

If you have any questions about your summer assignment, please e-mail me at stotman@augustaschools.org and I will reply back to you as soon as I can.

I recommend that you do this work in smaller pieces over the summer months. Waiting until the week before our class starts to complete this will make it unmanageable. For those of you who are overachievers and will get this all done quickly, please leave time for a review of the material just before school starts. That way this information will be fresh in your mind in September.

Have a fantastic summer. Get rested and energized for what I am sure will be a busy and exciting 2021/2022 school year!