

**Advanced Placement United States History
2023-2024 Summer Assignment**

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Students enrolled in Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH) are required to have completed the following assignments for the first class meeting in the fall:

Please remember that APUSH is all about trying to retain as much of the really important themes, people, place, events, etc. in your brain – so if you cut corners there will be much pain in your future.

All work should be done in a spiral notebook (this notebook should ONLY be for AP US). The notebook can be any length but ones with over 250 pages work best. Notes should be in blue or black ink (pencil okay). If you cannot find this exact notebook - that is fine.

Summer Assignment (three parts):

1. Read and take notes on chapters 1-4 in The American Pageant –Check out your copy from the library before leaving for the summer. A comprehensive multiple choice quiz will be administered during our first days back in school. (Please NOTE: there is no current online copies of this text version available - if you find one it probably isn't the same as I am using in class).

Complete chapter notes/outline on each of the assigned chapters (1-4), these will also be due day one. The chapter notes must be hand written and include information about the important people, events, concepts, and chronology covered in the respective chapter. A fair estimation is about 6 pages of notes per chapter (a page is ONE SIDE of a piece of paper). These will take a long time at first but it gets easier each time! You can use outline notes, Cornell notes, etc. My only advice is to read a short section or paragraph first, and then take notes on it. If you take notes while reading, you will end up with too much information.

2. Read Howard Zinn, A people's History of the United States, chapter 1,

“Columbus, the Indians, and Human Progress” – read it online here:

<http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinncoll.html>

After reading this chapter, respond to Chapter One (try for approx. 1.5 to 2 pages double spaced typed).

In your response, address the following questions (in your answers refer to **specific** historical incidents that include Columbus, Jamestown settlers, and the Puritans in Plymouth):

1. What was your reaction to this first chapter of Zinn?

2. What is Zinn trying to accomplish with this re-telling or revisionist story of history? What does he hope to accomplish with this?
 - use specific examples to answer (e.g., ‘by telling us about Jamestown Zinn was trying to...)

3. Using a map of the US (find one online), label and learn the list of “geographic features” listed below. Next, get a decent sense of the fifty states of the U.S (or a majority of them). I will have a multiple choice test the first day on many of these. <https://www.50states.com/maps/usamap.htm>

Features List for map test:

_____ 50 States
Appalachian Mts.
Rocky Mountains
Sierra Nevada Range
Alaska Range
Alaskan Peninsula and Aleutian Islands
Columbia River
Great Salt Lake
Sacramento River
Mississippi River
Ohio River
Hudson River
Rio Grande
Colorado River
Great Plains
New England
Long Island
Mason-Dixon Line
Lake Erie
Lake Huron
Lake Superior
Lake Michigan
Lake Ontario
Niagara Falls
Nova Scotia
Missouri River
Gulf of Mexico
Sea of Cortez
Chesapeake Bay
Everglades
St. Lawrence River