



Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Reading Assignments

Please note: Advanced Placement courses are rigorous and require students to learn as much as an introductory college course on the subject. To ensure that students are ready for this challenge, preparation in the summer prior to the course provides background knowledge and information that is necessary for students to succeed in the coursework.

Students taking AP US History (APUSH) are required to complete the following before the first day of school:

1. Read: AMSCO United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination (2019 edition)

Please purchase and read the following book, affectionately called “AMSCO”. United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination (2020 Edition) by John J. Newman and John M. Schmalbach, AMSCO Publishing. You **MUST** get the 2019 or 2020 edition as it mirrors the new style of the AP US History exam. New copies of this book can be ordered at www.amscopub.com To find the book it is in the Social Studies, Advanced Placement, and finally click United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement® Examination.

2. Complete: AMSCO annotations and summaries

APUSH is a survey course, and the volume of content (over 400 years) that we are expected to cover in less than 10 months is a daunting task. This book is a well-written and concise summary of American history. The value of this assignment will become apparent to you as we get into the course. This assignment will help you succeed in APUSH.

- 1) Read and annotate (highlight, write in the margins, etc.) the Introduction.
- 2) Read and annotate (highlight, write in the margins, etc.) Chapters 1-11.
- 3) For each chapter, write a 10-15 sentence summary about the historical period. Focus on the **BIG IDEAS** (cause and effects of major events, significance of Constitutional changes/Supreme Court decisions, important people, etc.) presented throughout the chapter. Summaries must be typed and will be submitted to Google Classroom at the beginning of the school year. Plagiarism or group work will not be tolerated.
- 4) During the first week of school, you will turn in your summaries to Google Classroom and will take an AP style test over the material presented in AMSCO. You will be able to use your notes on the test.

3 Read: History Nonfiction and/or Historical Fiction book

Finally, you will need to choose a historical book to read this summer. An approved list and reading guidelines are included below. From the booklist, you must read ONE book. *Please look on Amazon or Good Reads for synopses of titles and check for parent permission before reading.* Your grade for this assignment will be based on the following assignment:

Historical Nonfiction and Historical Fiction Reading Guidelines

- Consider the following as you read your book(s):
 - Flag interesting passages or points
 - You don't need to annotate but may if it helps you process what you are reading. After you have read the book, go back and look at your flagged passages
 - Choose 8-10 passages/quotes that reflect the following:
 - Summarizes or encapsulates the significance of the event/person in history
 - Provides insight into how this event/person fits into the big picture of history
 - Represents something you learned that surprised you and gave a different view of the event/person
 - Exemplifies author's bias/agenda. Why is the author telling this story?
 - Represents where/when in history the author chose to start and stop their narrative
 - Connects the event/person to current U.S./world events
 - Represents each narrative (if there are multiple)

At the beginning of school, I will collect your 8-10 passages as well as a one page summary of the time period of US History that you learned from the book you chose.

Note: For students also enrolled in Honors English, this book will meet your independent choice book requirement as well as your AP US History reading requirement.

APUSH Nonfiction and Historical Fiction Approved Summer Reading List

Historical Fiction

Follow the River by James Alexander Thom
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Killing Lincoln by O'Reilly and Dugard
Killing Kennedy by O'Reilly and Dugard
Killing Patton by O'Reilly and Dugard

Non-Fiction

The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by H.W. Brands
American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meacham
The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride by Daniel James Brown
Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era by James M. McPherson
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass
Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West by Dee Brown
Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution 1863-1877 by Eric Foner
Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard
The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois
Twenty Years at Hull House by Jane Addams
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
How the Other Half Lives by Jacob Riis
Theodore Rex by Edmund Morris
Pivotal Decades: The U.S. 1900-1920 by John Milton Cooper, Jr.
The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan
Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War by David M. Kennedy
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Monuments Men by Robert Edsel
Bomb by Steve Sheinken
The Fifties by David Halberstam
Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Patillo Beals
The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Extraordinary, Ordinary People by Condoleezza Rice
All the President's Men by Woodward and Bernstein
Argo by Antonio Mendez

The following authors have multiple nonfiction works from which to choose:

David McCullough:

Brave Companions
1776
John Adams
Mornings on Horseback
The Wright Brothers
Truman

Ron Chernow:

Alexander Hamilton
Washington: A Life
Grant

Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller

The House of Morgan: An American Banking Dynasty and the Rise of Modern Finance

Joseph J. Ellis

His Excellency: George Washington

The Founding Brothers

The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789

American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson

First Family: Abigail and John Adams

Doris Kearns Goodwin

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln

The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism

No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt

Stephen Ambrose:

Undaunted Courage: The Pioneering First Mission to Explore America's Wild Frontier

Nothing Like it in the World: The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad

Band of Brothers

Citizen Soldiers

Eisenhower

Rick Atkinson:

An Army at Dawn

The Day of Battle

The Guns at Last Light

The Long Line

Donald L. Miller

City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America

Supreme City: How Jazz Age Manhattan Gave Birth to Modern America

Masters of the Air

The Story of World War II