

AP U.S. History  
Summer Work

Welcome to AP U.S. History (APUSH)! I am pleased that you have chosen this course! Our course will move at a very accelerated pace! In order to complete the coursework by the AP Exam in May, we will not be wasting any time getting started at the beginning of the year. Therefore, our curriculum will begin the first week of school. This can be very overwhelming for some students so it is highly recommended that you do the following things before the school year starts:

1. Go to the school library **BEFORE THE LIBRARY CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER** and check out the AP US History book, *American Pageant, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition*.
2. You will need to purchase an AP US History Exam Review Book. There are many review books, but I have found that students prefer one that has practice tests but also has nice chronological summaries of US history and important vocabulary terms. **I strongly recommend United States History Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination**. (Amsco School Publications). We will be using this book a lot in class and it is a much easier read than your text book. It is possible to get the book used online **BUT it is imperative that you get a book that has been adapted to fit the APUSH redesigned course**. Be leery of very inexpensive used books. Look for a book that has a publication date of 2014 or 2015. It might even say something about being updated/revised for the 2014-2015 redesign on the front cover. The easiest and cheapest way to get a new one is to go directly to the Amsco site and purchase directly from the publisher.
3. It is suggested that you read the first 5 chapters of the American Pageant text book before school begins.