

Pre-AP U.S. History I

Summer Reading 2020

Welcome to a great opportunity for academic achievement in AP History. In September, we will begin our two-year study of American History, which will culminate with the AP Exam in May 2022. AP History represents much more than an increased workload and greater demands; it allows the student and teacher to explore some of the more complex questions in American History. Our starting point in September will be the first European colonists and their settlement of the Americas. Even though English colonization began in Virginia, it is the landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth that often captures, rightly or wrongly, the attention of the history books.

Your summer reading assignment is to read (and take notes) from the first few chapters of the free online textbook *The American Yawp* (specifics provided below). *The American Yawp* is an open and collaboratively built American history textbook designed for college-level history courses. This book was created by scholars for scholarly use, all of the contributors to this textbook are experienced college-level instructors.

*“The American Yawp constructs a coherent and accessible narrative from all the best of recent historical scholarship. Without losing sight of politics and power, it incorporates transnational perspectives, integrates diverse voices, recovers narratives of resistance, and explores the complex process of cultural creation. It looks for America in crowded slave cabins, bustling markets, congested tenements, and marbled halls. It navigates between maternity wards, prisons, streets, bars, and boardrooms. Balancing academic rigor with popular readability, *The American Yawp* offers a multi-layered, democratic alternative to the American past.”* - Editorial Intent, American Yawp

You are responsible for reading ALL sections of Chapters 1, 2 and 3 from www.americanyawp.com (Including the primary sources)

Chapter 1: The New World - <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/01-the-new-world/>

Chapter 2: Colliding Cultures - <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/02-colliding-cultures/>

Chapter 3: British North America - <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/03-british-north-america/>

In addition to **reading** the **chapters** above - it is recommended that you take **handwritten** notes using the **KEY CONCEPTS REVIEW** notes outline.

The **KEY CONCEPTS REVIEW** notes outline can be found at the following link. You will have to go to “FILE” then “Make a Copy” to get your own... do NOT request access: <https://goo.gl/9kNDqN>

It is recommended that you Do NOT take your notes digitally. Again, these **notes should be handwritten** using the **KEY CONCEPTS REVIEW** notes outline provided at the link above.

A reminder: **you will be assessed on your reading in September upon returning to school.**

You should now consider yourself an AP student. An AP student is a college-level student who has accepted the work and responsibilities that go with enrollment in a college. It is your responsibility to go beyond what you consider to be “normal” expectations to give your best effort on all assignments. Your effort on this assignment will be demonstrated on our assessment of the material in September. Your performance will tell us a lot about what kind of work you intend to do next term and what sort of grade you expect.

Have a great summer.

If you have any questions feel free to email Mr. Kyle, Mr. Campbell, or Mr. d’Anunciacao.

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