

Advanced Placement United States History
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Summer Assignment 2021: Due the 1st day of class. BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS

Students will need to read James Loewen’s *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American Textbook Got Wrong*. Students will be given the option of picking up a copy of the book from the high school or reading the text online. (Available on APUSH Google Classroom)

After reading *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American Textbook Got Wrong*, students will need to prepare the following:

1. In typed essay format, discuss the political, economical, social, and cultural issues explored in the book. This is broad, but should give you enough leeway to write a substantially sound essay.
 - a. Include in your essay answers to the following: what did you learn about the author who wrote the book? How does the author express concerns and/or offer enlightenment about the topics covered in the book? What rhetorical devices does the author utilize to engage the audience? What are the implications and/or conclusions made by the author? What insight did you gain from reading the book?
 - b. Attached you will also find a handout on essay writing and free response essay rubric. Use these as guidelines when writing your essay. **You will submit your typed essay on the first day of class.**
2. Students also will be expected to be able to fully participate in a structured classroom seminar/discussion on the contents of the book including, but not limited to, the political, economical, social, and/or cultural issues addressed throughout.

Information:

APUSH is a college level survey course. After the completion of the course you should be prepared for an intermediate level history course. **YOU** must be responsible for every assignment. This means that when a reading assignment is given, I may or may not discuss it with you, yet you are responsible for the ability to recall information.

There is a great deal of material to be covered in the course, but by having the entire year, it should not feel crammed. You should expect to spend about an hour a night on AP work. This may be a real commitment for you. Many high school students are not prepared to make this kind of commitment but you are ... congratulations! We will be focusing on specific skills, which will not only help you on the AP exam, but also in your other courses plus college. One specific skill we must and will focus on is **writing, writing, and more writing**. On the AP exam you will be expected to write three short answer questions (SAQ), one document-based questions (DBQ), and one free response question (FRQ). These will count as 60% of your exam grade. Readers from all over the nation will grade these essays, so you must be prepared with the skills necessary to write well struttred and specific answers.

A Chinese Proverb tell us that “*Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself*“. I am excited about opening the door for you! You should know that I thoroughly enjoy teaching this course and that my expectations for my students are high. I expect you to give this course you greatest effort, because I will give you mine. We will work hard, learn a great deal, and I hope have some fun in the process!