



AP United States History-C. Young

Summer Reading List/Class Info

Welcome to AP United States History (APUSH). If you have chosen to be in this class, then you have made the choice to have a very rigorous History, college level course for your Junior year. Everyone who takes this course will receive a weighted credit if they take the AP US History Exam and the end of the school year in May, 2019. This class will include more out of class work to be completed compared to an 11th Grade Standard US History class, so students will be expected to complete assignments and readings outside of class. Students will have to spend more time studying so they can be successful than they may normally be accustomed to in order to achieve the grades they may desire.

Our goal here at CCHS is for you to ultimately pass the AP US History Exam, but should you not achieve a qualifying score (a 3, 4 or 5), you as a student will be more prepared for college course work just by taking the exam and participating in class. So even though you may have struggles from time to time, ultimately you should benefit from active participation in APUSH.

As a result of the more rigorous course, grades may be lower than you have experienced in the past. We have roughly 80 or so classes before the exam so we will be pushing through course work at an accelerated pace. This also means we will go back and spend the first 9-12 weeks pushing through material you should have learned in the 10th grade in much more detail. Traditional AP US History classes are designed to be taught in one year, as compared to half the class in 10th grade US History I and the other half in 11th Grade US History II. Because of this set up, we will take the time needed to cover past material because a large portion of the AP exam comes from what is traditionally taught in the 10th grade.

Grades will be conducted on total points in this class, with lecture format in some portions of the class but many times we will have individual and group assignments, along with project based learning activities. Many assignments will need to be completed outside of class.. Students will also have to spend more time studying throughout the course of the year in order to have success. We will

use chrome books on a daily basis and many of your classwork assignments will be submitted in Google classroom. Attendance and punctuality is a must in order for you to attain success, failure to be here for whatever reason will hinder your ability to achieve the success you may desire in APUSH.

Students in APSUH are expected to be proactive students, meaning that if you know you are going to be out of class for any reason, school related, etc. you are expected to take care of your business and see me ahead of time to get work/assignments for the pending days you may be missing.

Students will also have to complete outside reading for this class, which includes completing a book and taking the AR Test for a grade before a certain date. (Dates for books during the school year will be announced at a later on). All of these books that will be required reading can be found in the CCHS library, but you may also purchase your own copies if you feel the need. **Summer reading for APUSH will be *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*. Several copies of this are available in the library. Students will need to read and complete an AR test on the book by Friday, August 17th. Please note you may take the AR test earlier during the summer instead of waiting till school starts if you finish early as Mrs. Blencowe will have the library open numerous days during the summer.** We will also have class discussions pertaining to readings during the course of the year. The readings are designed to preview and correspond with areas will be studying during that time of the school year

AP US History Reading List for 2018-19- C. Young

Summer-The Autobiography of Ben Franklin

1st 9 weeks-1776 by David McCullough

2nd 9 weeks-Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

3rd 9 weeks-The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw

4th 9 weeks- To Be Announced during the school year

Thanks for your time, have a great summer and we look forward to having you in APUSH for the 2018-19 school year.

