

A.P. U.S. History  
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**Advanced Placement United States History is a college level course formatted in accordance with the College Board guidelines and procedures.**

**This course covers the political, economic, social and cultural development of the American Republic. Through extensive reading and writing assignments, as well as class discussions, students sharpen their critical thinking skills, improve oral and written expression and examine the major themes of American History. Comprehension of lengthy reading assignments from a college textbook are required. The ability to analyze and write in depth essays using college level skills and vocabulary are essential in this class.**

#### **Methods of Assessment:**

**Student's progress is assessed through written and oral work. This includes multiple choice tests, essays (regular and document based), study guides, class participation and unannounced quizzes. Late work will not be accepted unless prior arrangements are made.**

**60% Major assignments**

**40% Minor Assignments**

**To be successful in this class students must spend an average of two hours a night in preparation. There are no "free days" in this class. We are busy from bell to bell every day. The pace of note taking, reading and testing is intense. It takes a great deal of commitment and dedication to be successful in this class. College Board standards do not allow for shortcuts or giving less than 100%**

#### **Keys to success:**

- 1. Read assigned material and take notes on your reading.**
- 2. Take your notes home each day and go over them.**
- 3. Spent extra time on the Study Guide topics.**
- 4. Never be afraid to ask a question!**
- 5. When studying, you cannot just "put in the time," you must learn the material!**
- 6. Attend review sessions!**

**Materials needed:**

**Text Book**

**Folder (you will receive a plethora of handouts)**

**Notebook or Binder (you will take more notes than humanly possible)**

**Loose leaf paper**

**Pen or pencil (All assignments handed in to me must be done in black ink!)**

**I am enthusiastically available for extra help!**

**"We do not receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves, after a journey that allows no shortcuts and that no one can take for us."**

**"It is not what we are willing to do or capable of doing that counts. It is what we are doing right now that is important."**

**"Greatness is not where we stand but in which direction we are moving. We must sometimes sail with the wind and sometimes against it, but sail we must, not drift or lie in anchor."**

**"I long to do great and noble tasks. But it is my chief duty to do the small everyday tasks as if they were great and noble."**