

Welcome to APUSH 1

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Goals for APUSH Summer Assignment

I want to make it clear to all AP US History students and parents the reasons my colleagues and I have implemented summer assignments into our AP US History curriculum. Our primary goal is to prepare our students for the AP Exam that they will take in May of their junior year. Therefore we must cover from 1491 (eve of Columbus Voyage) to about 2012 at near college level depth in about 60 weeks of in-school instruction. We also strive to engage our students in the most engaging, interactive classroom activities as possible; activities that require more class time than simply lecturing. The goal of this summer assignment is to give us a head start in covering content for US History I so that we can both meet our pacing goals and provide students with an enjoyable classroom experience.

Out of respect for your leisure and family time over the summer every effort was made to ensure that the assignment contained only information that could be tested content on the AP Exam. We truly believe in the importance of the summer for high school students to have time with friends and family, and to enjoy experiences of a non-academic nature. We assure you that as long as students do not wait until the last few days to work on the assignment, there is no reason anyone should feel overwhelmed by the work. There are optional videos and lectures to help you to be successful on the quiz. We will also be available via email to answer any questions throughout the summer.

Checklist for Assignments

All materials and assignments can be found on Schoology under the course: **APUSH1-Summer**. Please email us if you are not enrolled in the Schoology course. All work needs to be submitted through Schoology by the due date, Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Also, be sure to save all of your work into your Google Drive in a folder dedicated to AP US History. This summer assignment will count as your first grade of the 1st Semester.

Use this checklist below to check off the required assignments and stay organized:

Name of Assignment	Completed
New World AMSCO Reading Guide (15 points) <i>This graphic organizer is like the readings assignments you'll see this year. It is designed for you to take in-depth notes and complete basic analysis of information as you read the textbook. It will also serve as your opportunity to gain background knowledge needed to be successful on in class activities and discussion.</i>	
Columbus-Las Casas Document Study (20 points) <i>These document excerpts present different points of view on the interactions between Native Americans and Europeans around the time of first contact. After you read them, complete the related discussion questions.</i>	
New World Quiz (40 points) <i>After you have completed the New World Readings Guide & the document study, review the related PowerPoints on Schoology if you need any extra information or explanation. When you are finished, take this quiz. You will have 40 minutes to complete 20 questions.</i>	
Colonial America AMSCO Reading Guide (25 points) <i>Same as the Graphic Organizer for the New World Unit.</i>	
Total Points: 100	