

AP US History Summer Work

Dear Parents & Students,

I am excited to see that your child has chosen to take AP American History for the 2017- 2018 school year. AP classes are not only classes for which students can earn college credit, but also a rigorous, college curriculum pace. In order to succeed in this class, students will be required to do out of class reading, write essays weekly, do the grade trackers assigned with this curriculum, as well as be able to critically think through large amounts of material.

Students taking APUSH:

- 1. All students planning on taking APUSH must have an iPad and download the textbook, <u>By the People, AP Edition.</u> You will receive codes the first day of school. <u>Some features of the course are not accessible on the iPad so assignments will have to be done at home on a laptop or a PC.</u>
- 2. This summer each APUSH student must read *Finding Mañana a Memoir of Cuban Exodus* by Mirta Ojito and on the first day of school answer free response questions about the book.
- 3. All APUSH students must keep three folders in Notability: one for class notes, one for terms and one for chapter outlines.
- 4. Prior to the first day of class, students must complete the following:
 - Define and research (be able to explain) the following terms: Agricultural revolution, Columbian exchange, Renaissance, Treaty of Tordesillas, Protestant Reformation, Glorious revolution, joint-stock company, head right, indentured servants, Mayflower Compact, Puritans, Clovis Culture, Bering Straits, Anasazi, Cahokia, Iriquois, Aztec, Mayan, Inca, Creeks and their relationship to Florida Seminoles. You will be tested on this material the first week of school.
 - Students should write 4-5 sentences on the above historical topics. Students may email these to lprice@scacrusaders.com

It is crucial that students understand that although taking this class increases their GPA, the ultimate reason for taking it (*and the focus of my teaching*) is to help the student pass the AP exam in May. I hope that each of you enjoys the rest of your summer. I am looking forward to working together to help each of your children earn college credit for this course.

In His Service,

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