

Required Summer Work for AP US History 2018-2019

Seffner Christian Academy



Welcome to AP U.S. History! In AP U.S. History you will investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in this great nation. If you are willing to put in the work you will find that this class will be demanding, but extremely rewarding.

Part I:

Read the following book: *Americans at War* by Stephen E. Ambrose.

Assignment: Please summarize thoroughly each chapter of the book. The document should look something like this:

Introduction:

In his introduction Ambrose argues that...

Struggle for Vicksburg: The battles and Siege That Decided the Civil War:

In this chapter Ambrose details the events of ...

Be detailed in your summaries as these will help you study for the AP exam in May.

Part II:

Memorize all 50 states and their capitals (including the 8 islands that make up Hawai'i), the District of Columbia, and the 5 territories of the United States. **(Spelling counts!)** In addition, you will need to know the location of the following major geographical landmarks:

1. Pacific Ocean
2. Atlantic Ocean
3. Gulf of Mexico
4. Great Lakes (individually)
5. Great Salt Lake
6. Cape Hatteras
7. Cape Canaveral
8. Lake Tahoe
9. Adirondack Mountains
10. Alleghany Mountains
11. Smoky Mountains
12. Cumberland Gap
13. Mojave Desert
14. Potomac River
15. Rio Grande River
16. Chesapeake Bay
17. San Francisco Bay
18. Hudson River

19. Mississippi River
20. Ohio River
21. Missouri River
22. Colorado River
23. St. Lawrence River
24. Columbia River
25. Great Plains
26. Appalachian Mountains

27. Rocky Mountains
28. Sierra Nevada Mountains
29. Mount McKinley
30. Mount Whitney
31. Cascade Range
32. Coast Range
33. Mauna Loa

A helpful online aid is <https://www.sporcle.com/games/g/statesfor> for learning the states and capitals.

Part III:

Each student should 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, Iroquois, Aztec, Mayan, Inca, Creeks and their relationship to Florida Seminoles.

Students should write 4-5 sentences on the above historical topics/terms. You will need to e-mail me this assignment upon completion (before the first day of school). These terms will be part of the geography test the first week of school.

Sincerely,

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