

Welcome to AP US History!

Student, the purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the AP US History course. I hope you enjoy your summer, so this is not a summer assignment as much as a way to give you a head start in the AP US History course. I periodically check my email during the summer, so feel free to contact me with any questions you have about how best to approach the course requirements.

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By the first week of school:

Read Chapters 1-2 in *The American Pageant* to prepare for the reading quiz. As you read the chapters, complete the outlines (See Chapter Outline Format Guide Attachment). The Chapter 1 and 2 Outlines are due **Monday, August 14th**. You may use these outlines on the *first* quiz. ☺ You are also welcome to print and use my Sample Chapter 1 Guide, and feel free to add your own notes as well.

Required Course Textbook (Make sure you order the AP Edition.):

The American Pageant, **AP** 16th Edition, by Kennedy & Cohen (2016 Cengage Learning)

ISBN-13: 978-1-305-07591-7

ISBN-10: 1-305-07591-9

Required Review Book:

United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination by Newman & Schmalbach (2015 or 2016 Edition) AMSCO Publications.

*The course textbook is required by the first day of class, Wednesday, August 9th.

*It is recommended you acquire the AMSCO review book by the first week of class; however, this book is not required until January. You will find the AMSCO review book a helpful reference throughout the course.

Chapter Outline Format Guide

Directions: Follow this format for every chapter outline (see following pages). Submit all outlines as a handwritten copy. *You may print the attached blank copy and write your notes on the handout, or you may duplicate this format on notebook paper.* *See Chapter 1 completed outline as a sample reference.

Important Note: Some weeks we have to cover two chapters in the assigned reading. For these weeks, you may choose to limit the chapter outline format to covering a minimum of 5-6 important sections from each chapter when completing the chapter outlines.

Most weeks we only cover one chapter. During these weeks you may need to add or subtract "Section Headings" on your paper depending on the number of sections in that particular chapter.

Following pages: Sample Chapter 1 Completed Outline & Blank Outline Document

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*Always submit handwritten copies.

Chapter 1 Outline Format Guide

Section Heading: The Shaping of North America

- What is theme of this section? *Old and New world collide; including Asia and Africa*
- I learned that
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include:

Section Heading: Peopling the Americas

- What is theme of this section? *Diverse cultures, religions, and ways of life shaped continent*
- I learned that *before 1492, 54 million people inhabited American continents.*
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include: *Incas, Aztecs*

Section Heading: The Earliest American

- What is theme of this section? *Maize central to Native Americans; Native Americans lived in small, impermanent settlements.*
- I learned that *corn was central to cultures of Native American civilizations. Powerfully molded Pueblo culture.*
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include: *Cahokia, Iroquois Confederacy*

Section Heading: Indirect Discoverers of the New World

- What is theme of this section? *Less expensive trade routes drove exploration*
- I learned that *Europeans were equally unaware of the existence of the Americas*

- Important facts I need to remember from this section include:

goods that were "craved": silk, drugs, perfume, sugar, spices

Section Heading: Europeans Enter Africa

- What is theme of this section? Spain and Portugal begin competing for new world treasure claims
- I learned that slave trading became a big business.
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include: caravel, plantation system

Section Heading: Columbus Comes upon a New World

- What is theme of this section? Columbus's discovery brings four continents together: Europe, Africa, Americas
- I learned that Columbus was one of the "most successful failures in history"
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include: technology, capital, markets all provide means for Columbus to explore

Section Heading: When Worlds Collide

- What is theme of this section? Exchange of Old and New World crops, animals, disease, and ideas
- I learned that accidentally the Europeans brought weeds like dandelions and daisies. Or more devastatingly — small pox.
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include: Columbian Exchange

Section Heading: The Conquest of Mexico and Peru

- What is theme of this section? Conquest and Christianize of the Native Americans by the Europeans
- I learned that Europeans brought more than conquest and death — brought crops, animals, language, laws, customs, religion.

- Important facts I need to remember from this section include:
Treaty of Tordesillas, Encomienda, capitalism, mestizos

Section Heading: Exploration and Imperial Rivalry

- What is theme of this section? God, gold, glory - European motive for New World
- I learned that Native Americans "fused" with Europeans through marriage and incorporating their culture.
- Important facts I need to remember from this section include:
Conquistadors, Pope's Rebellion

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