Dear AP US History Student: WELCOME TO APUSH!!!

Congratulations on deciding to take the APUSH next year. To prepare for the class, you will be required to complete the following “SUMMER ASSIGNMENT.” Section B is required but C is an optional assignment. Good Luck!

**A. First, some suggested activities as you prepare for the APUSH class!!**

1. **Enjoy your summer.** The assignments listed below should not consume all of your free time this summer. Go take a walk, go to the lake and lay in the sun, or stroll the mall with your friends. You will wish for that free time during the school year!

2. **Explore history.** ASSIGNMENT – 5 PTS: If you take a vacation, see if you can stop at an historical marker along the way. Or, do a little research about the place you are visiting. Take the time to start thinking historically. History is all around you if you allow yourself to see it! *(TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF AT HISTORICAL SITE & bring it to the APUSH CLASS on the first day of class – this will be saved to the Dropbox and shown to the class)*

3. **Read.** Try to read several books over the course of the summer. You will do a ton of reading in this class next year and if you are not in the habit of turning pages, it will be much more difficult to adjust. Read fiction, if that is your choice, but try picking up a historical book as well. There are some real page-turners about American history. Ask at the library and they will be delighted to steer you in the right direction. *(CHECK OUT THE “BONUS” ASSIGNMENT below-worth 10 BONUS Points but THIS IS OPTIONAL!)*

4. **Become an informed citizen.** Read the newspaper or online sources. Watch CNN – FOX – MSNBC for different perspectives. Try to keep updated on national and world events. **DEVELOP AN OPINION** about the President – Congress – Current Events

5. **Watch a history movie!** Do you really need to watch Captain America or Star Wars again? Of course not! If you have a free evening – try to watch something historical. *(CHECK OUT the JOHN GREEN & ADAM NORRIS videos on Early American History listed below – the assignment will be due at the end of the first week of school)*

**B. REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS:**

1) **TAKE A PICTURE** of yourself (or with a partner or group) by a “historical” place – put this on a PPT or Google Slide to be saved to the Dropbox on the **first day of classes**.

2) **Watch the “ADAM NORRIS” & “JOHN GREEN” videos on Early American History** *(about 10 minutes-15 minutes each)* For each video, take notes on key topics/events/issues (about ½ page each) – either typed or hand-written. The notes will be due at the **end of the first week of classes**.

1. **Historical Period #1** 1491-1607 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_dNOpqj0&list=PLlair5BOIPJaUm7qr07c7J-A_zyt2dH3I&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_dNOpqj0&list=PLlair5BOIPJaUm7qr07c7J-A_zyt2dH3I&index=1)

2. **Historical Period #2** 1607-1754 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1sHTjfguc&list=PLlair5BOIPJaUm7qr07c7J-A_zyt2dH3I&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1sHTjfguc&list=PLlair5BOIPJaUm7qr07c7J-A_zyt2dH3I&index=2)

**JOHN GREEN Videos:**

1. **The Black Legend, Native Americans, and Spaniards** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9WU9TGrec&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmebBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9WU9TGrec&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmebBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s)

2. **When is Thanksgiving? Colonizing America** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o69TvQyGdg&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmebBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o69TvQyGdg&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMwmebBjTSG593eG7ObzO7s&index=2)

**C. OPTIONAL “BONUS” Assignment:** You may want to take advantage of this Assignment to earn extra Bonus Points(10 pts) that will be added to your 1st Quarter APUSH Grade. Read **ONE** of the books listed below (or one of your choosing). **Write a 2-page summary (typed) and reaction to the book. Also, in your conclusion explain how this topic relates to events in our nation or world today.**
(Use the MLA format for the paper & the “5-paragraph” Essay format for the paper. This will be due on the first day of classes for full credit. (However, if handed in late – you can still receive partial credit for the report.)

* 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus by Charles Mann

* Mayflower: The Voyage From Hell by Kevin Jackson

* Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahantas, and the Start of a New Nation by David Price

* Big Chief Elizabeth: The Adventures & Fate of the First English Colonists in America by Giles Milton

* America Was Built On Slavery And It Was Much Worse Than You Might Imagine by Steven Rosenfeld

* Founding Brothers by Joseph J. Ellis

* 1776 by David McCullough

* George Washington: His Excellency by Joseph J. Ellis

* John Adams by David McCulloch (A great biography of our second President but very long!)

* Born for Liberty by Sara Evans - READ Chapters 1-5 (A History of Women in America)

* America’s Women: 400 years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates & Heroines by Gail Collins

- -- read Chapters 1-9 (American Women from Colonization to the Civil War)

* OR… if there is another book on Early American History you would like to read?? (before the Civil War)

(Email me if you have a question about the book you want to read)

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If you have any questions about the Summer Assignment please stop in Room 121 any time before the end of the school year. You can also email me during the summer and I will get back to you as soon as I possible can. EMAIL: jmvanderlinde@bsmschool.org

Have a relaxing summer vacation. I look forward to having you in the APUSH class next year.

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