



McLean High School Course Description and Expectations

Course: AP US History

Prerequisites: Should have a B or better in English and History Courses to date

Short Course Description: The AP program in US History is designed to provide you with analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in US history. The class prepares you for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands on you equivalent to those made by full year introductory college courses. Hopefully by the end of the course you will be able to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.

Summer Assignment: A suggested list is available but no set assignment

Work Load during the School Year: One hour per night. About 50 pages of reading at the college level per week. An essay or Document Based Question every other week and tests about twice a month.

Special Course Information: The multiple choice questions are more than just recognition; they require mastery of the material. The course is reading and writing intense.

Available Support: Teachers are after school and there are recommended review texts available.

Student Quotes:” It gives you in-depth analysis of history that is a key to understanding it.”(Stephen Stover)

“You learn more than just history.”(Negar Mortazan)

“I really look forward to this class because the discussions are interesting and ,at times, entertaining. Unfortunately the tests are murder.”(Maurene Comey)

“A lot more interesting than you would have guessed. But hard.”(Fitch Dean)

Please sign indicating that you have read and understand the nature of this AP course.

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