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Dear Parent(s):

Welcome to Advanced Placement US History. We are looking forward to working with your son or daughter.

This letter is to inform you of the summer reading assignment. One of the greatest challenges in AP US History is amount of material students are expected to know. This summer assignment is designed to help give students a “jump start” on some of the information and to expose them to the early events in American history. It should help ease them into the rigorous pace of AP US History.

The summer assignment has two parts. *First*, each student should plan to come by room 259 between June 8th and 12th after school to pick up their textbook, *American History: A Survey* by Alan Brinkley, and the assignment which includes identifying key terms and answering questions from the first three chapters. This assignment will be due on September 8th or 9th (depending on what day your child has their first AP US History class). Please note that students will be formally issued the textbook at this time and therefore will be held accountable for lost or damaged books.

Second, each student will have to read and type (minimum) 1-page summaries or “reductions” from a collection of articles from reputable scholars on topics from this period. They include:

Crime Among the Puritans, by Vera Lee (READ-ONLY. MODEL SUMMARY IS INCLUDED)

1491, by Charles C. Mann

Serving Time in Virginia, by James West Davidson and Mark Hamilton Lytle

From These Beginnings, by Page Smith

Black People in a White People’s Country, by Gary Nash

Please be aware that as mentioned above there will be an in-class graded assessment upon the return to school in September tied to both the textbook and article readings.

In addition, we also strongly encourage every student to purchase an **AMSCO review book**. *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination* by John J. Newman ISBN: 1567656609. It can be found used through other seniors who no longer need their copy, purchased directly from the publisher, or from Amazon.com.

One of the things you can do as a parent to help your child succeed in AP US History is to make sure they don’t wait until the last minute to complete this summer work. Students who do it over time, in small manageable amounts, are more likely to do better in the course. Also, successful students in the past have read beyond the initial chapters to gain an advantage.

Thanks for your time, attention, and support. Your encouragement is a vital piece in helping your child become successful in AP US History. Again, we look forward to working with either your son or daughter in September. If you have questions, you may contact either of us via email during the summer.

Sincerely,

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**Summer Assignment
Part I**

You should read chapters 1, 2 and 3 in Alan Brinkley's *American History*. You should take notes on these pages in addition to the assignment below. You will be responsible for the information in these chapters and all of it may not be discussed in detail in class. By doing this assignment over the summer, we will be in a much more advantageous position next year.

You also need to answer the **IDENTIFICATIONS** and accompanying **QUESTIONS**. These will be collected during the first week of school.

IDENTIFICATION: Identify

1. What/who these people were
2. A time reference
3. and the **SIGNIFICANCE** of them.

ANSWER ON YOUR OWN PAPER! You may type or hand write the assignment.

Chapter 1: The Meeting of Cultures

1. Tribal societies
2. Mayans
3. Aztecs
4. Cahokia
5. Subsistence agriculture
6. Nationalism
7. Christopher Columbus
8. Smallpox
9. *Conquistadors*
10. Missionaries
11. Pueblo
12. Spanish empire
13. African slave trade
14. Dutch West India Company
15. Enclosure movement
16. Merchant capitalism
17. Mercantilism
18. Martin Luther
19. John Calvin
20. Henry VIII
21. English Reformation
22. Calvinist Puritans
23. Church of England
24. Separatists
25. Elizabeth I
26. James I
27. Plantation model of colonization
28. Fur trade
29. Spanish Armada

Chapter 2: Transplantations and Borderlands

30. Jamestown
31. John Smith
32. Virginia Company
33. Tobacco
34. Headright system
35. Indentured servants
36. Powhatan Indians
37. Pocahontas
38. Royal Colony
39. Proprietary Colony
40. Charter Colony
41. Bacon's Rebellion
42. Plymouth Plantation
43. Mayflower Compact
44. William Bradford
45. John Winthrop
46. Massachusetts Bay Colony
47. Theocracy
48. Roger Williams
49. Anne Hutchinson
50. Pequot War
51. King Phillip's War
52. English Civil War
53. New York Colony
54. Quakers
55. William Penn
56. Carolina Colonies
57. Pennsylvania Colony
58. Caribbean Colonies
59. Georgia Colony
60. Navigation Acts
61. Dominion of New England
62. Glorious Revolution
63. Leisler's Rebellion
64. Coode's Rebellion

Chapter 3: Society and Culture in Provincial America

65. Indenture system
66. Birth and death rates
67. Midwives
68. Patriarchal society
69. Middle Passage
70. Royal African Company of England
71. Slave codes
72. Palatinate Germans
73. Huguenots
74. Scotch-Irish
75. Catholics
76. Iron Act of 1750
77. Triangular trade
78. Consumerism
79. Plantation economy
80. Plantation slavery
81. Gullah
82. Stono Rebellion
83. Puritan community
84. Primogeniture
85. Salem witch trials
86. The Great Awakening
87. Enlightenment
88. Almanacs
89. Literacy rates
90. Harvard
91. Benjamin Franklin
92. Cotton Mather
93. Smallpox inoculation
94. John Peter Zenger