

James Hubert Blake High School
Social Studies Department

AP US History Summer Assignments 2019

I know the school year is just wrapping up, but for me that means it is time to look ahead to the 2019-20 school year. As such, I am planning lessons for our Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History class and I want to make sure you are prepared for a fast-paced and, I hope, an enjoyable year of study.

Once school officially starts in the fall we'll go through all the details of what is required in AP U.S. History, but keep in mind you'll need to get a deep understanding of 400 years of history that will be taught in about 8 months. Remember, an expectation of the course is that **all students take the national AP test**. The AP US History test for the upcoming school year is on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 8:00. Put that on your calendars now. Please also be aware that the test costs approximately \$100; there are fee waivers available for income qualified families.

Listed below are your summer assignments (there are 8 of them). These assignments are to get you into the mindset for much of the work we'll be doing this year – reading, evaluating, and writing. The assignments are available through Google

Classroom, use the code **12m2skp** to access it. The assignments also will be available on the **Blake website** at the end of the school year. Please check the due dates carefully. In this class the deadline is one day after the due date and, per MCPS Grading and Reporting Policies, 10% will be deducted for all assignments turned in on the deadline. Work submitted past the deadline will receive feedback but not a grade.

Please answer all of the written response questions on **separate pieces of paper for each assignment using complete sentences. Your responses must be handwritten NOT typed.**

If you need to contact me over the summer I will be periodically checking emails, please use this email address:

[Pamela L. Rowe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Pamela.L.Rowe@mcpsmd.org)

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rowe

Assignment 1 – Read Chapter 1 of the textbook (completion grade)

Take hand written notes and be prepared for a quiz using those notes at the end of the first week of school. (9/6) The quiz is for practice and to familiarize you with the open note testing.

Assignment 2 – Document Skills (formative grade)

This is a review of basic document classification.

This is due the first day of school. (9/3)

Assignment 3 – Short Answer Questions (formative grade)

Answer both questions, adhering to the basic requirements outlined in the assignment. These are both due on the first day of school. (9/3)

Assignment 4 - Multiple Choice Questions (formative grade)

You may write your responses on a separate piece of paper or print out the exam questions and answer directly on the exam. In addition to answering the multiple choice questions, also write 2-3 sentences explaining your reasoning for each of the questions. This will give me some insight into your thought process.

This assignment is due on the first day of school. (9/3)

Assignment 5 – Historical Thinking Skill (formative grade)

Read the summary of the Atlantic World, answer the questions that follow.

This assignment is due the second day of school. (9/4)

Assignment 6 – Analyzing Sources (formative)

Read the two (2) sources and answer the questions pertaining to each of them. This is due the second day of school. (9/4)

Assignment 7 – Reading: *The Strange Death of Silas Deane* (formative grade)

Reading and writing prompts are due the third day of school. (9/5)

Assignment 8 - Virginia Company Assessment (formative grade)

Read the excerpt and the statements regarding it, then determine the reliability of statements. (9/5)

Don't forget your English Summer Reading – The summer reading requirement is generally due to your English teacher the first day of school, so come back prepared with that, too. You may want to consider reading a fiction or nonfiction book related to U.S. history to meet the summer reading requirement and at the same time give you a broader sense of our history.