



AP US History Summer Assignment

Greetings and Welcome to APUSH!

I am Mr. Hughes and I'm delighted to be your AP US History teacher this year. APUSH is a college-level class taken while in high school so long story short, do well enough, and you'll earn a bit of college credit to stow away later on when you attend the university of your dreams! It's my job to get you there though and that starts with you, right now, today! We will take a national AP US History Exam in early May and since we start a bit later than most schools, it means we're already a bit behind! Never fear, the APUSH Summer Assignment will get us prepared for that!

So in September, please have the following done:

- [Purchase an AMSCO Reader](#). This will be our primary textbook for the year so make sure you purchase it ASAP!
- [Download The American Pageant text and save this to your Google Drive](#) (This will be our ancillary textbook)

The Assignment:

1. Read the ENTIRE PREFACE AND INTRODUCTION to the AMSCO Text. This is a great deal of technical knowledge about the AP US History course and will introduce you to the skills and themes necessary for success in this class. Please contact me with questions (see paragraph below).
2. Read ALL of Period 1, Chapter 1 pages 1 - 22 in your AMSCO Reader. After reading the excerpt on Page 13, answer the following prompt in a 1 page response: "Should Americans celebrate Columbus Day? If yes, why? If no, why not? Are there other Italian figures whom we should celebrate?" In your response you should consult AMSCO pages xxv - xxxi:
 - a. Have a thesis (make an argument)
 - b. Support your argument with clear evidence (hard facts)
3. Read [Elliott West "American Indians"](#) and [Complete a Secondary Source Review](#)
4. Go somewhere historical, tell me about your visit!
5. Accept the Course Invitation (Pending, be on the lookout for this)

While class starts in early September, I'm hoping that you won't wait that long to contact me!

My email is thughes@dwight.global and I'm also active on Twitter ([@KnowSomethingAP](https://twitter.com/KnowSomethingAP)) if you want to follow me. As a rule though I DO NOT FOLLOW BACK. My Twitter account is not

affiliated with Dwight School nor does it represent the views of Dwight Global or any of its affiliates. They are my own personal views.

I really look forward to meeting you in September and to helping you learn about and love the history of the United States. American history hasn't always been pretty, but it's a fantastic place. Let's learn about it together!

Best Wishes,
Mr. Hughes