

Oldham County High School AP U.S. History Summer Assignment

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2026-2027 AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

Dear Students -

Welcome to AP U.S. History! I am so glad that you will be in class with me during the 2026-2027 school year. I hope you are excited too!

Below are a few assignments for you to complete this summer to ensure that you are prepared for the rigor and pace of the AP U.S. History curriculum. Failure to complete summer assignments on time shows that you are a student who may be unwilling to complete work outside of the classroom. For AP courses, outside work is necessary for success. There are **THREE** summer assignments. All 3 assignments will be turned in to me **COMPLETED** on the first Friday of class.

Looking forward to it ---- Mrs. McMullen

Directions

1. Complete all 3 sections before the first day of class, they will be turned in on the first Friday of class.
2. All responses should be typed.
3. Use academic language and specific historical evidence.
4. You may use academic resources, textbooks (see suggestion below), or credible online sources.
5. We will submit digitally.

Task One - Charting - Native Americans before Contact

Long before Europeans arrived in the Americas, Native American societies developed complex civilizations, trade networks, political systems, religions, and technologies. Different environments shaped distinct cultures across North America. Some groups developed large cities and empires, while others lived in nomadic societies adapted to challenging climates. Understanding these societies is essential to understanding the foundations of American history.

Region	Geography	Food Source/ Housing	Political/Social Structures	Religion	Major Achievements
Southwest					
Great Plains					
Eastern Woodlands					

Pacific Northwest					
Great Basin					
Arctic/ Sub Arctic					
Meso America					
Mississippi River Valley					

Task Two - Research Profiles

Choose **THREE** Native American groups from the list below and create a one-paragraph profile for each. Each profile should include location, leadership structure, economy, religious beliefs, daily life, and interactions with the environment.

- Iroquois Confederacy
- Pueblo peoples
- Cherokee
- Aztecs
- Incas
- Sioux
- Algonquins
- Inuit
- Cahokia/Mississippians
- Navajo

Task Three - SAQ Practice

Directions: In your response, be sure to address all parts of the questions you answer. Use complete sentences; an outline or bulleted list alone is not acceptable. (Practice writing a topic sentence, evidence, and analysis for part a, b, and c)

- a. Describe ONE major difference between Native American societies in North America before 1491.
- b. Explain ONE way geography influenced Native American societies.
- c. Explain ONE similarity between two Native American groups.

THIS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF CLASS.

Textbook for the class (and recommend source to complete this assignment) -

AMSCO United States History - Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination (2016 Edition)

You will need this text as soon as school starts, so order ASAP! We will have digital copies of the text that you can access, but reading online is often tedious so understand the challenges associated with that option.

Please contact me with any questions. Have a great summer!

Mrs. McMullen

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