WESTCHESTER
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Rising _11th_ Grade/AP U.S. History Summer 2026

Welcome to APUSH! For the summer assignment, we have the first two chapters from Gordon S. Wood's *The American Revolution- A History* to read and work with to start our year. Read the chapters and annotate in your own style (this will give me insight into your way(s) of thinking as you read.) Answer the questions as you go along. You will turn in the physical copy of your book or print out with your annotations, as well as the answers to the questions on the first day of school. Come by my room before the end of the year to pick up the printed off chapters and a printout of the questions. If you misplace the packet, please email me, so that I can send you a pdf of the chapters.

Answer in complete sentences these questions from the reading:

I. "Origins"

1- Explain the significance of 1763 to the British, French, and Spanish colonial territories in North America.

2-Describe the population shifts occurring between 1750-1770 in the North American colonies.

3-Describe the "land fever" of the mid 18th century colonists.

4- The Seven Years' War did not end violence on the frontier. Why not?

5-What stopped the Paxton Boys from their violence?

6-What caused a rise in the standard of living for colonists during the mid 1700's?

7-The mid 1700's are sometimes referred to as an "consumer revolution." What does that mean and how is it exemplified in the text?

8-Describe three problems created by the Treaty of Paris.

9-Explain the importance of John Wilkes.

10-What was the point of the Proclamation of 1763 from the British point of view?

11- Describe the colonial reaction to the Quebec Act of 1774.

12-Why was the Stamp Act more impactful than the Sugar Act or Molasses Act?

II. “American Resistance”

1-How did Patrick Henry of Virginia add to colonial thought of independence from Great Britain?

2-Describe the Sons of Liberty.

3- Briefly describe the Stamp Act crisis and how it was resolved.

4-What did Philadelphia lawyer John Dickinson propose?

5- Why did the British army begin sending troops to Boston in 1768?

6-Draw, recreate, or cut and paste a representation of Paul Revere's "The Bloody Massacre."

7. Name two synonyms for customs.

8. Describe the cause and effect of the *Gaspée* and the committees of correspondence.

9.Describe the events leading to the Boston Tea Party.

10. Describe the Coercive Acts. What was the result to the mindset of the colonists?

11.Finish this sentence: “In short, Americans belief in actual representation pointed towards the _____
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_____.”

12. Explain the word sovereignty. Then, explain what was a central belief to the English when it came to this concept.

13. By 1774 leading colonists, such as John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, made what argument about the sovereignty of British Parliament in the colonies?