

AP U.S. HISTORY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Hello and welcome to AP U.S. History! I am so excited to begin this journey with you. This summer assignment will prepare you to hit the ground running in August. Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions at bradleyl@hoban.org. I will get back to you as quickly as possible over the summer, but give me 24 hours before following up!

In AP U.S. History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course also provides eight themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures. Click here to access the College Board [Course and Exam Description \(CED\)](#).

Follow the steps below to complete your summer assignment:

STEP 1

- Read [Chapter 1: Indigenous America](#) from The American Yawp. This is an open source textbook that we will only use for this assignment, but it may also be a good resource for you throughout the course. In class, we will use the AMSCO Advanced Placement U.S. History text.
 - Take notes as you read, preferably handwritten.

STEP 2

- Complete the [Native American Societies Museum Exhibit](#) assignment in Slides or download this as a PDF and complete using another app, like Notability. Follow the instructions in the assignment document.
- This will enable us to discuss the basic ideas of historiography and how historians draw conclusions about past societies. We will go over it during the first week of school in August.

This assignment will be due on our second day of class in August.