

## AP U.S. History Summer Assignment 2017-2018

Congratulations and welcome to AP U.S. History, you will be with many of the best students REV has to offer and we look forward to working with you next year.

### Assignment 1

In order to complete the grueling standards of APUS we must start reading during the summer. You will need to pick up the textbook from the textbook room before you leave for summer recess. You are to read chapters 1 and 2 (pages 1-36) and be ready for a quiz during the first few days we come back to school. Be sure to focus on the big picture but at the same time don't forget to learn/study some of the specifics.

### Assignment 2

You are to read a book of your choice that deals with a US history subject. The subject could vary from a biography of a prominent figure, to the assassination of J.F.K to Woodstock: How music and culture changed American culture in the 1960's. Browse through a local book seller and pick something that interests you. Unacceptable topics/titles include: Disneyland- a pictorial history, Hitler's favorite music, or The Black Plague. The book must be at least 200 pages (of text) in length, not an illustrated history, and must deal with a US subject (not a World or Euro subject). **On the first day of school you are to turn in a (minimum) 2 page (double spaced) paper on the book/person/issue. It is not a book report but rather a condensed synopsis of the book's main ideas/subjects and its/their effect on American history.** In your critique please indicate how this subject/person changed some aspect of American politics/economics/social history. This assignment will be worth 100 points or about the same as a test grade.

Also it would be in your best interest to watch programs interesting to you on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, Military Channel, National Geographic or any other historical outlet that you wish. Also, beneficial to you and our studies will be to watch the news (especially national news) in order to be informed on current issues. We will be discussing many social, political, economic, military, and intellectual issues during the year and these will help you understand some of them.

If you would like to see examples or if you have any questions at all, you may use email or just stop by J-8 (Stark) or J-2 (Aranda) at lunch or after school. It is your class now.

Have a great summer,

Mrs. Aranda and Mr. Stark.

