

A.P. U.S. History Summer Assignment, 2009-2010**Mrs. Small**

Dear Students,

Welcome to AP US History! We will have a challenging year filled with historical discovery and investigation as we prepare for the AP US History Exam in May. I have listed your summer reading assignment below with some tips for success. Here are the required texts you will need this summer:

AMSCO Newman, John J., and John M. Schmalbach. UNITED STATES HISTORY Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination. 3rd ed. New York: AMSCO School Publications, 2004.

Zinn Zinn, Howard. A People's History of the United States. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2005. (*You must purchase this text*)

AMSCO will be provided to you before you leave school (after June 24th they can be picked up in Guidance) but you must buy the Zinn book so you can highlight and annotate your own copy. (You can buy a used copy from e-bay.com or Amazon.com or any bookstore). You will keep a dialectical journal as you read. Not only will these journals be collected for a grade, they will also be useful to you to review for exams and discussions. Please follow the instructions provided. All outlines must be typed e-mailed to me as attachments with the other assignments. Read materials closely and analyze them for the influence and contribution of each person and event to America's history and development. In the first week of class you will take a multiple choice exam and write a free response essay on the readings.

I look forward to spending the next academic year with you. Please contact me by e-mail at smallg@lincolnps.org if you have any questions or concerns. Have a restful and productive summer vacation.

Mrs. Small

Please read and sign below:

I understand that AP US History is a college level course that is designed to prepare me to take the AP Exam in May. I can also obtain college credit for this course by enrolling in the EEP program at RI College later during the school year. In order to cover all the required course material the summer assignments are given to students to prepare them for the course. I understand that assignments will be graded and must be e-mailed to Mrs. Small in the time schedule provided.

Student's name: _____ Date: _____

Student's e-mail: _____ Parent's e-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____ Date: _____

HOW TO PREPARE ASSIGNMENTS

READINGS AND OUTLINES:

For the readings and outlines you are to synthesize and type the main points. You should have a maximum of 2-3 bulleted sentences per heading. Set up your outline as in the following example:

Chapter 1 AMSCO outline: EXPLORATION, DISCOVERY, AND SETTLEMENT, 1492-1700

INTRODUCTION

- Over 40,000 years ago, North America was settled by Asian migrants who crossed a land bridge connecting Siberia and Alaska over the Bering Sea.
- Migration from the Arctic Circle to South America continued until these first Native Americans reached 50 to 75 million in 1490s and had inhabited the different regions of America with a variety of cultures, languages and tribes.

CULTURES OF NORTH AMERICA

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:

Read the instructions on how to answer these in AMSCO on pages xxx-xxxii first. Then follow this format:

1. "In the 1500s, Native Americans possessed a wide range of complex cultures." Each of the following gives evidence to support this statement EXCEPT
C Native Americans' susceptibility to European diseases.

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Follow the guidelines in the introduction. Study the charts on p. xxiv - *Model for an Expository History Essay*, p. xxxvi - *Activity 1: Evaluation of the Standard Essay* and *Activity 2: Scoring Guide*.

Write the full number and essay prompt at the top of the page and underline your thesis statement in the introductory paragraph. Essays should be at least one full page single or 1.5 spaced.

INDEX CARDS:

Print the name of the key name, event or term on one side of the index card with Chapter 1 for example in the right hand corner. On the back (lined) side of the card, write the significance of that name, event or term. Include important dates. Use colored paper as dividers between chapters.

DIALECTICAL JOURNALS:

Set up two columns, with the headings TEXT and MY RESPONSE. Choose (5) text excerpts and write your response for each excerpt (see attachment).

CALENDAR OF ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are due by e-mail smallg@lincolnps.org every Monday by 12pm on the due dates below. Your name must be in the subject of the e-mail and the assignments must be individual attachments in your e-mail. Index cards will be checked in the first week of school. Late assignments have only one late day with 10 point off penalty. Later assignments will earn a zero.

Week 1: Due Monday, July 6

- Read and type outline for Amsco Intro (ix-xxxii) and Chapter 1 (pp. 1-13).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp. 14-15)
- Prepare essay for question 2 on p. 18.
- Read Zinn Chapter 1. (pp. 1-22) Submit Dialectical Journal 1

Week 2: Due Monday, July 13

- Read and type outline to Amsco Chapter 2 (pp. 23-35).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp. 36-38)
- Prepare index cards of all key names, events, and terms on p. 13 and p.36 (hold in shoe box)

Week 3: Due Monday, July 20

- Read and type outline to Amsco Chapter 3 (pp. 42-59).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp.54-56)
- Prepare essay for Question 3 on p. 56.
- Read Zinn Chapter 2. (pp. 23-38) Submit Dialectical Journal 2

Week 4: Due Monday, July 27

- Read and type outline to Amsco Chapter 4 (pp. 60-76).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp. 70-71)
- Prepare index cards of all key names, events, and terms on p.54, 69-70.

Week 5: Due Monday, August 3

- Read and outline Amsco Chapter 5 (pp. 77-88).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp.89-90)
- Prepare essay for Question 5 on p. 91.
- Read Zinn Chapter 3. (pp. 39-58) Submit Dialectical Journal 3

Week 6: Due Monday, August 10

- Read and outline Amsco Chapter 6 (pp.96-120).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp. 114-115)
- Prepare index cards of all key names, events and terms on p.88-89 and p. 113.

Week 7: Due Monday, August 17

- Read and outline Amsco Chapter 7 (pp. 121-139).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp.134-135)
- Prepare essay for Document Based Essay Question 3 on p. 139
- Read Zinn Chapter 4. (pp. 59-77) Submit Dialectical Journal 4.

Week 8: Due Monday, August 24

- Read and outline Amsco Chapter 8 (pp. 140-165).
- Write questions and answers to the 10 Multiple Choice questions (pp.157-159)
- Prepare index cards of key names, events and terms on p. 133 and p. 156