

## Advanced Placement U.S. History Information

AP United States History (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Instructor/Years Taught:** Marty Jasken / 5



**Text Book:** *The American Pageant* 13<sup>th</sup> ed. (ISBN 0-618-47940-6)

**Text Book Policy:** Students will need to purchase their text book. If there is a financial need one can be checked out to students but there are not enough text books to provide for all enrolled students in this manner. The new cost of a text is approximately \$80-\$100.

**Other Suggested Materials:** The Textbook support workbook *Fast Track to a 5* (ISBN 0-618-47939-2) could be helpful. It costs approximately \$30 and can be used as a review and study support tool and guide.

**Course Description:** The AP U.S. History course is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in U.S. history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students should learn to assess historical materials—their relevance to a given interpretive problem, reliability, and importance—and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. An AP U.S. History course should thus develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.

**Course and Homework Requirements:** The course requires a large amount of reading outside of the classroom. The students are expected to read approximately 2 chapters a week along with other readings supplied by the instructor. This requires a constant commitment to independent work using the text and other materials. Along with the reading will be other requirements such as writing and writing preparation that will be assigned at times. A 1 to 1 ratio of time in class to external class preparation is a general rule of thumb to consider when addressing the homework load.

Summer Requirements (if any): None

### **Helpful Course Related Links:**

The College Board U.S. History Page (Info/Practice Tests/Other good stuff.)

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers\\_corner/3501.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/3501.html)

A summary and guide to all of the chapters of the text book.

[http://www.course-notes.org/us\\_history/notes/the\\_american\\_pageant\\_13th\\_edition\\_textbook\\_notes](http://www.course-notes.org/us_history/notes/the_american_pageant_13th_edition_textbook_notes)

Practice quizzes and tests along with other support information provided by another AP instructor. <http://historysage.com/jcms/content/view/13/30/>

**Miscellaneous Information:** None