

*Advanced Placement United States History*  
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*Summer Reading Assignment*

Welcome to AP United States History! This class is very fast paced so that you are prepared to take the AP Exam in May 2020. In order to prepare for our upcoming school year, please take the time this summer to read the following texts and respond to the prompts provided. Be sure to manage your time wisely, and do not wait until the last week to complete this! These assignments are to be completed in full and turned in on the first day of class, and will serve as our review during the first week of school. As always, you may contact me via email (jdelucia@saint-bernard.com) if you have any questions or concerns throughout the summer.

Assigned Texts:

*Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick

*By the People* by James Fraser (AP Textbook)

***Mayflower:*** After reading this novel write a 4 page minimum essay in which you compare and contrast the differences in the settling of Plymouth as detailed by Philbrick to the settling of Jamestown and the other early colonies established during Period 2. Which group was highly motivated? For what reasons? How did the initial reasons for colonization translate into the successes or failures of the colony in later years? Be prepared for an assessment on this assignment during the first week of classes.

***By the People:*** Please read and outline the first four chapters of the textbook to be turned in on the first day of class. This may be done through the Cornell style of writing (as suggested by AP instructors) or any sort of outlining that best serves your way of learning. This is also to be completed as an *individual* assignment in order to develop your own style of note-taking. Pay special attention to the maps, graphs, and illustrations found within these chapters, as the AP Exam will require that you develop the ability to analyze and interpret these within their respective historical context. There WILL be an assessment on the first day of class so make sure to be thorough in your work!

Chapter 1: The World Before 1492

Chapter 2: First Encounters, First Conquests 1492-1607

Chapter 3: Settlements, Alliances, and Resistance 1607-1718

Chapter 4: Creating the Culture of British North America 1689-1754