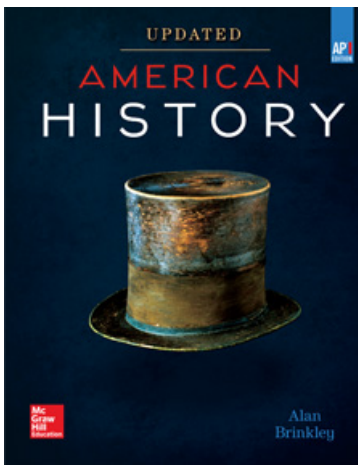


AP US History Summer Reading

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AP United States History is a challenging course that will require you to master a substantial body of historical information and to hone your historical skills as readers, writers and thinkers. Mastering these skills will prepare you well to succeed in the college classroom. To allow us to hit the ground running in September, I am asking each of you to complete the following work over the summer vacation:

What will I be reading?



American History: Connecting the Past
Alan Brinkley (McGraw Hill, 2017, AP 15th Edition)

The school is ordering the textbooks for you, so you will need to pick it up at Oakwood this summer!

- Please familiarize yourself with our textbook to understand its organization, layout and features.
- Please **read Chapters 1-3 (96 pages)**. Be sure to be an *active reader* and to use appropriate reading techniques to help you process and retain the material. In addition to reading the text, be sure to carefully examine all of the illustrations and supplemental material.
 - Chapter 1 (pp. 1-32)- “The Collision of Cultures”
 - Chapter 2 (pp. 34-63)- “Transplantations and Borderlands”
 - Chapter 3 (pp. 65-96)- “Society and Culture in Provincial America”
- After reading, you will **take notes** on the 3 chapters.

What is active reading?

Active reading is when you are doing more than simply reading the words on the page because you are using critical thinking skills. While reading, you should be identifying important ideas, trying to connect events, and seeing a “bigger picture.” If you do not understand a word, look it up! You can also highlight and annotate as you read. As an active reader, you will both learn and retain the material.

What should my notes look like?

Everyone has his/her own note-taking style. By this point in your academic career, you have probably developed a style that works for you.

I would recommend keeping your notes structured and well-organized.

While taking notes, constantly be thinking about (and including in your notes!) the historical significance of different events, people and ideas.

Remember- *you must each do your own work!* To copy and paste each other's notes is cheating!

When is this due?

Your summer work is *due on the first day of class*, and must be completed and submitted by this date to receive credit. Please review your reading and notes before the first day of classes. We will have a test on material during the second week of classes.

Please feel free to contact me at eimbimbo@theoakwoodschoo.org at any point this summer with questions about the assignment. I sincerely appreciate the work you will be doing this summer, and I look forward to a great school year!