

AP U.S. History  
Summer Work 2018  
Mr. Gordon  
Room 0-109

Welcome to AP U.S. History we are enthused to see that you have accepted this challenge. We have a significant amount of material to cover and completing this work over the course of the summer will help a great deal.

1. We will be using the online textbook. "The American Pageant" 15<sup>th</sup> edition. Students will need to stop and see Mr. Gordon in 0-109 for the information on accessing the textbook online.
2. The following need to be accomplished before the second full day of class in the fall semester.
3. Read ---About the Authors---David Kennedy and Lizabeth Cohen vii
4. Read and take your own notes on Chapters (1-2).
  - a. Please do NOT use any online version of the notes.
  - b. Read pages (2-3) to develop a context for the material
  - c. Try and make your notes summaries of key points and concepts.
  - d. Write your notes in your own words! You will find this helps you remember.
  - e. Words and terms that are in black are important and should be represented in your notes.
  - f. Early in this process you may think you are writing a great deal, it is probably better to write more than less. Your skills will improve with more practice and you will find you are writing less.
  - g. You need NOT be concerned with historic dates –Mr. Gordon will give those to you
  - h. You should write questions that you have in the margins of your notebook or email Mr. Gordon ([jgordon@sfcss.org](mailto:jgordon@sfcss.org))
  - i. This will go better if YOU DO NOT wait and attempt to do all this work at once, SPACE PRACTICE, work on it for periods of time over the course of the summer.
  - j. Notes will be checked on the second full day of class, the assignment is worth 20 points, students need to have completed notes for both chapters (1-2)
  - k. We will discuss the narrative and answer questions on day 3 and test on day 4.

NOTE: This work will really help with our pacing and make our first semester more effective!

HAPPY READING! Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance