

## **2025-2026 APUSH Summer Work Packet**

### **ASSIGNMENTS: Due Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

- **TEXTBOOK READING** (*You MUST get a textbook before you leave for vacation.*)
  - **Read** Chapter 1 *American Pageant*.
    - There are guiding questions for *American Pageant* on the next page of this packet. You do not have to answer these questions, *but* they will help focus your reading. Make sure you understand the main idea of each section and subsection.
    - There is also a period 1 [study packet](#) that can also be helpful (again, it is not required).
    - Past APUSH students strongly recommend taking notes on the readings as they help on tests and when reviewing for the final exam.
- **ARTICLES:** *Submit annotations on Google Classrooms in the Summer Assignment folder.*
  - [“The Discovery of America and the Transatlantic Slave Trade” by Iral Berlin](#)
  - [“Imperial Rivals” by Peter C. Mancall](#)
  - [“The Columbian Exchange” by Alfred W. Crosby](#)
    - **PRINT, read** and annotate each of the attached essays.
    - Summarize the main idea of each paragraph in the margin. This should **not** be more than one sentence. This should be HANDWRITTEN.
    - Highlight the line/phrase in that section that supports your notation.
    - Summarize the overall main idea on the bottom in 2-3 sentences MAX. What do you learn from this essay? HANDWRITTEN
      - Post these annotations on Google Classrooms.
- **Concept Outline:**
  - Use the readings (textbooks and articles) to complete the Concept Outline ([attached](#)). This should be HANDWRITTEN with clear pictures submitted on Google Classroom.

### ***American Pageant*: CHAPTER ONE GUIDING QUESTIONS**

1. What was Native American society like before European contact? What similarities and differences existed?
2. What factors led to Europe’s increased exploration and to the discovery of the New World?
3. What is the Columbian Exchange? What are some of the results of the Columbian Exchange?
4. What was the role of *conquistadors* and *encomienda* in establishing a Spanish Empire in the New World?
5. What was the geographic extent of the Spanish Empire in the New World? What nations were challenging Spain’s dominance in the New World and where?

## **Nonfiction Summer Reading OPTIONAL**

### **PERIOD 1: 1491-1607**

Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond

1491 by Charles Mann

Collapse by Jared Diamond

### **PERIODS 2: 1607-1754**

The Witches: Salem 1692, by Stacey Schiff

American Colonies: The Settling of North America by Alan Taylor

Inventing the Great Awakening, by Frank Lambert

Roger Williams: The Church and the State, by Edmund Morgan

African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals, by David Hackett Fischer

### **PERIOD 3: 1754-1800**

African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals, by David Hackett Fischer

Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis

John Adams by David McCullough

1776 by David McCullough

His Excellency: George Washington, by Joseph Ellis

Redcoats and Rebels: The American Revolution through British Eyes By: Christopher Hilbert

Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America, by Peter Silver

Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815, by Gordon S. Wood

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life by Walter Isaacson

American Sphinx by Joseph Ellis

Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

American Revolution: A History By Gordon Wood

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life By Gordon S Wood

The Radicalism of The American Revolution By Gordon S Wood

The Unknown American Revolution By Gary Nash

### **PERIOD 4: 1800-1848**

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power, by Jon Meacham

American Sphinx by Joseph Ellis

James Madison: A Biography, by Ralph Ketcham

The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies, by Alan Taylor

The Great Triumvirate: Webster, Clay, and Calhoun, by Merrill Peterson

What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America 1815-1848 By Daniel Walker Howe

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom, by David Blight

American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House By: Jon Meacham

The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Antebellum South By Kenneth M. Stampp

Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden Story of the Underground Railroad, by Eric Foner

Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Rights Movement, by Sally McMillen

The Origins of Women's Activism: New York and Boston, 1797-1840, by Anne Boylan

Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America, by Peter Silver

Twelve Years a Slave, by Solomon Northup

### **PERIOD 5: 1844-1877**

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom, by David Blight

Polk: The Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America, by Walter Borneman

Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party Before the Civil War By Eric Foner

The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery By Eric Foner

Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin

A Brief History of Reconstruction by Eric Foner

Battle Cry of Freedom by James M. McPherson

American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant, by Ronald White

Cuba: An American History, Ada Ferrer

### **PERIOD 6: 1865-1898**

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough

The Autobiography of Mark Twain by Mark Twain

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West By: Dee Brown

The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West By: Patricia Nelson Limerick

### **PERIOD 7: 1898-1945**

The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America, by Daniel Okrent

The Bully Pulpit, Theodore Roosevelt and the Golden Age of Journalism, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Theodore Rex by Edmund Morris

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris

The War Lovers: Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst, and the Rush to Empire, 1898 By: Evan Thomas

Triangle: The Fire that Changed America by David von Drehle

A Fierce Discontent: The Rise and Fall of the Progressive Movement By Michael E.

McGerr

Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley

Band of Brothers by Stephen Ambrose

The Power Broker by Robert Caro

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

The Zimmermann Telegram By Barbara W. Tuchman

Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion By Edward J. Larson

Freedom From Fear By: David Kennedy

Hard Times By: S. Terkel

The New Age of Franklin Roosevelt, 1932-1945 By Dexter Perkins

Citizen Soldiers By: S. Ambrose

The Conquerors By: M. Beschloss

No Ordinary Time By: D. Goodwin

Unbroken By Lauren Hillenbrand

Double Victory: A Multicultural History of America in World War II, by Ronald Takaki

Code Girls, by Liz Mundy

Wilson, by A Scott Berg

Hoover: An Extraordinary Life in an Extraordinary Time, by Kenneth Whyte

Summer for the Gods, by Edward Larson

And the Dead Shall Rise: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank, by Steve Oney

## **PERIOD 8: 1945-1980**

The Last Million, by David Nawsaw

Truman by David McCullough

The Marshall Plan, by Benn Steil

Eisenhower in War and Peace, by Jean Edward Smith

The Fifties by David Halberstam

Nightmare In Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective By Richard M. Fried

The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson, Vol. IV

An Unfinished Life: JFK By: R. Dallek

Flawed Giant By: R. Dallek

Biography of LBJ Robert Kennedy & His Times By: A. Schlesinger

The Battle of Ole Miss: Civil Rights vs. States' Rights By: Frank Lambert

Backfire: How the Ku Klux Klan Helped the Civil Rights Movement By David Chalmers

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X and Alex Haley

All the President's Men by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein

Vietnam: The Necessary War: A Reinterpretation of America's Most Disastrous Military Conflict By Michael Lind

Watergate: A New History, by Garrett M. Graff

Being Nixon: A Man Divided, by Evan Thomas

Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter, by Randall Balmer

Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right, by Lisa McGerr

Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam By Bernard Edelman

Vietnam: A History, by Stanley Karnow

King: A Life, by Jonathan Eig

The Sword and the Shield: The Revolutionary Lives of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., by Peniel Joseph

G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century, Beverly Gage

**PERIOD 9: 1980-2017**

Reagan: The Life, by H.W. Brands

Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush, by Jon Meacham

The Age of Reagan By Sean Wilentz

Black Hawk Down Mark Bowden

The Survivor, by John Harris

Plan of Attack, Bob Woodward

The Great Deluge By: D. Binkley

LIST OF PRESIDENTS (Not testing you, but know them...trust me it will help you).

**Period 3**

George Washington (1789-1797)

John Adams (1797-1801)

**Period 4**

Thomas Jefferson (1801-1817)

James Madison (1809-1817)

James Monroe (1817-1825)

John Quincy Adams (1825-1829)

Andrew Jackson (1829-1837)

Martin Van Buren (1837-1841)

William Henry Harrison (1841)

John Tyler (1841-1845)

**Period 5 and Period 6**

James K. Polk (1845-1849) (also period 4)

Zachary Taylor (1849-1850)

Millard Fillmore (1850-1853)

Franklin Pierce (1853-1857)

James Buchanan (1857-1861)

Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)  
Andrew Johnson (1865-1869)  
Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877)  
Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881)  
James A. Garfield (1881)  
Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885)  
Grover Cleveland (1885-1889)  
Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893)  
Grover Cleveland (1893-1897)  
William McKinley (1897-1901) (also period 7)

**Period 7**

Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)  
William H. Taft (1909-1913)  
Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)  
Warren G. Harding (1921-1923)  
Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929)  
Herbert Hoover (1929-1933)  
Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945)

**Period 8**

Harry S. Truman (1945-1953) (also period 7)  
Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961)  
John F. Kennedy (1961-1963)  
Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969)  
Richard M. Nixon (1969-1974)  
Gerald R. Ford (1974-1977)  
Jimmy Carter (1977-1981)

**Period 9**

Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)  
George Bush (1989-1993)  
William J. Clinton (1993-2001)  
George W. Bush (2001-2009)  
Barack Obama (2009-2017)  
Donald Trump (2017-2021)  
Joe Biden (2021-2025)  
Donald Trump (2025-2029)