



# AP US History Back to School Presentation

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# Course Objectives

- Provide a college-like survey of US History while meeting US History graduation requirement
- Emphasize historical concepts, critical thinking, and analytical writing
- Prepare students for the AP US History Exam



- No hats or hoods
- No earbuds/headphones
- No cell phones
- No personal electronics

Charged district Chromebooks



**Classroom  
Expectations**



The course has 9 units and each one runs 2–4 weeks and ends with a summative exam

Historical content is done by mid-April and then we review for the exam in early May

Weekly Homework

Expectations: 2–3 nights of reading (5–15 pages), 1 night of review videos or practice questions, weekends for catchup or review, and no work over holidays or breaks



**Course  
Information**



## AP Exam Info

- AP Exams go on sale in September for about \$100
- Exams purchased after November 1 cost \$40 more
- All enrolled students should take the AP Exam
- Students who pass the exam earn 2 semesters of credit
- Ayala AP US History students significantly outperform national average (88% vs. 72% last year)



# Course Grading

## Three Grade Categories:

60% Assessments (AP style)

- Unit Tests: MCs and SAQs
- Timed Writes: DBQs, LEQs

20% Assignments

- Class activities
- Homework

20% Practice (formatives)

## Additional Notes:

Normal % Scale: 90, 80, 70, 60

Final grades are rounded up

Most students earn A's or B's

Extra grade point for AP



## Tips for Success

- Actively read textbook and assigned readings
- Participate in class
- Review regularly
- Self-quiz and study
- Do your best every time
- Don't get behind or cheat
- Earn the "easy" points
- Form a study group
- Maintain a healthy balance
- Ask for help if needed