



Thinking about
taking APUSH...
here's what you
need to know.



COURSE DESCRIPTION and OVERVIEW:

Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH) is a study of *nine historical time periods* from 1491, discovery and settlement of the new world, to the present. Each historical period is equivalent to a unit of study which provides the opportunity to receive credit for a college level freshmen course. The following are the units (periods) of study:

Period 1 (1491-1607) Convergence of Three Worlds	(4 - 6%)
Period 2 (1607-1754) Settling the Americas	(6 - 8%)
Period 3 (1754-1800) Breaking Away	(10-17%)
Period 4 (1800-1848) Defining America	(10-17%)
Period 5 (1844-1877) Saving America	(10-17%)
Period 6 (1865-1898) Redefining America	(10-17%)
Period 7 (1890-1945) America Comes of Age	(10-17%)
Period 8 (1945-1980) Modern America	(10-17%)
Period 9 (1980-present) America Today	(4 - 6%)

Course content and discussion will include the study of **8 major themes** of history:

- 1) **American National Identity & Diversity (NAT)**
- 2) **Work, Exchange, & Technology (WXT)**
- 3) **Geography & Environment (GEO)**
- 4) **Migration & Settlement (MIG)**
- 5) **Politics & Power (PCE)**
- 6) **America in the World (WOR)**
- 7) **American and Regional Culture (ARC)**
- 8) **Social Structures (SOC)**



Within each unit of this fast-paced class, great emphasis is placed on:

6 historical thinking skills:

- Skill 1: Developments and Processes**
- Skill 2: Sourcing and Situation**
- Skill 3: Claims and Evidence in Sources**
- Skill 4: Contextualization**
- Skill 5: Making Connections**
- Skill 6: Argumentation**

AND

3 reasoning processes

- 1) **Comparison**
- 2) **Causation**
- 3) **Continuity and Change**

Throughout this course, you will be challenged to learn about key figures and events throughout U.S. history, develop your own claim and defend your claim using specific facture information (SFI) gathered from primary and secondary sources. The APUSH exam consist of 3 sections: Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), Document Based Question Essay (DBQ) and Long Essay Question (LEQ). You will learn to improve your writing skill, back up claims with supporting evidence, and critically analyze sources through a student led environment.

To enroll, please contact your counselor to be placed in AP United States History for the 2021-22 school year.