

APUSH Summer Assignment

APUSH is divided into 9 periods of history starting with 1491 all the way to the present. Periods 8 & 9 are always rushed at the end of the year so you will be in charge of learning this information over the summer and we will reference it again in class throughout the year.

This unit is divided into the following sections:

Things to Know: These are broad topics from the time period about which you should be very well versed. You will have to research these using the Internet because you won't have the book over the summer. You should approach each of these as if you were going to have to write an essay or a justification or explanation of them. What facts, documents, persons, court cases, etc., could you use as evidence in this kind of discussion.

Key Terms & Concepts: You should be familiar with all these. Use the Internet (Quizlet is a good place) to make certain that all of these terms and concepts are yours. This includes years and the effect it had on the U.S. if it's not stated in the definition.

Important Definitions: Again, you should know all of these in such a way that you can use them in writing about the time under study.

It will be your job to research and take notes on each "Things to Know" section. They are divided into foreign policies and domestic policies.

Helpful tips for **Things to Know** sections:

1. Choose a way to take notes (outline, bullets, cornell notes, etc)
2. I would do these sections AFTER defining all of the **Key Terms and Concepts**
3. Be as specific as possible-vagueness and ambiguity won't get you far in this class
4. Must be handwritten on loose leaf

Helpful tips for **Key Terms and Concepts** sections:

1. Define each one, give years and its effect on the U.S. if it's not specifically stated
2. Must be hand written on loose leaf or on index cards-whatever helps you.

Helpful tips for **Important Definitions**:

1. These are here to help with understanding-you don't have to write anything, just know them

General Info/Due Dates

1. Everything must be handwritten
2. It is due on the first day of school-not orientation
3. You will have a quiz over the Key Terms and Concepts the day after the first day of school. So, if we start on a Wednesday, your vocab quiz will be on Thursday. If we start on a Friday, your quiz will be Monday.
4. If you procrastinate, this will be a massive amount of work on top of your other AP summer assignments. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. Start your grade off with an A.

Feel free to email with any questions over the summer. I'll be checking sporadically throughout the summer.

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