

Welcome to

ADVANCED PLACEMENT US HISTORY

2019-2020 * MRS. CLEMENS

Advanced Placement U.S. History is a college-level course which examines the nation's political, diplomatic, intellectual, cultural, social, and economic history from 1491 to the present. Students will have the opportunity to earn college credit based on their performance on the AP exam on May 10, 2019. Additionally, students are required to pass the Regents Exam in US History and Government in June.

- Visit my website for links to information about the course, summer assignment, and many other things!
<http://www.mrsclemens.com/>
 - For more information about AP U.S. History visit: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-united-states-history>
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Prerequisites for the course

- Grade Requirement
 - 90% or above overall average in Global Studies and Geography II
 - OR**
 - 85% or above overall average in Global Studies and Geography II Honors
- Regents Requirement
 - 85% or above on Global Studies and Geography Regents Exam

You will be dropped from the course if you do not meet these requirements.

Optional text to purchase

United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination, AMSCO 2020 Edition

- You can also use the 2015, 2016, or 2018 versions

Purchase here: <https://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/united-states-history-ap-exam.html> (there is also a link on my website)

Cost: \$18.95 plus shipping (You can order the 2018 version on Amazon currently)

Why purchase this book?

- It directly aligns with your reading guides that you will be required to complete throughout the school year
- You can mark it up and take notes in it
- It also aligns with the new curriculum, has test taking strategies and high quality practice questions
- It also serves as a supplemental text with alternate, shorter reading assignments for each unit rather than using the textbook *Out of Many*

What are my options with purchasing this book?

- If you are completely sure you will be taking the course and staying in the course, purchase the book during the summer.
- If you are unsure about staying in the course, you can purchase the book once the school year starts and borrow one of my books that I have in my classroom.
 - Just know that I do not have enough for every student to borrow a book so you might not be able to get one every day or exactly when you want one. *I currently have less than 20 copies for students to borrow.
- If purchasing a book online is an issue for you, we can do an order through the school which would allow you to pay with a check or money order and not have to pay shipping. We would do this once the school year started.
 - The drawback of this option is that you might not get your book until well into October.
- There is a PDF of the 2015 version of the book available to you for **free** when you log-in to Google Classroom

You need to choose the option that works best for you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me!

APUSH Summer Boot Camp

We will be meeting prior to the start of school for three hours to go over some of the basics of the course so that we can hit the ground running on the first day of school. Here are some of the items that we will be covering:

- Class rules
- Help with time management
- How to read the book and complete reading guides
- Google Classroom
- Class website and other online resources
- Analyzing documents
- Course themes
- Class projects
- About the test and test strategies
- Getting AP credit at a college

I will be offering three different opportunities for you to attend APUSH Summer Boot Camp. **You only need to attend one.** Here are the dates:

- Thursday, August 15th from 8-11am in B222, snacks will be provided
- Tuesday, August 27th from 8-11 am in B222, snacks will be provided
- After school (you must attend all three sessions if you choose this option): Thursday 9/5, Tuesday 9/10, and Wednesday 9/11. We will meet from 2:15-3:15 pm during each session.

You will be receiving a survey via both Remind and Google Classroom to RSVP for which Boot Camp you will be attending. You only have to respond **once**, please RSVP by August 1st. **Attendance at APUSH Boot Camp is mandatory.**

Staying in touch this summer!

Your first homework assignment is to sign up for Remind and Google Classroom!

Remind is “a communication tool that helps teachers connect instantly with students and parents. Send quick, simple messages to any device”. It is imperative that you sign up for this as soon as possible since I send quite a few messages via this resource. To sign up, download the app or go to remind.com and use the code **@apushclem OR text @apushclem to 81010**

Google Classroom is where you will be receiving many of your notifications throughout the school year. It is also where handouts will be “housed” and where some class discussions will take place. I will be populating the files this summer and it might be a good place for you to check out. **You will need to be signed up prior to attending Boot Camp.**

- To join: I have signed you up using your school emails. You will need to log in to your email and accept the invitation to Google Classroom. If you happen to have any issues, here is the procedure to sign up.
 - Go to classroom.google.com
 - Use code **vjswx1**
 - Please only sign up with your BCSD email address. (If you are unsure of your email address, be sure to visit the Library prior to the end of the school year.)

You can also contact me via email at Clemens.d@beaonk12.org.

I'm looking forward to a great year!!!