

AP United States History

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Dear APUSH parent/guardian,

Welcome to another school year! I am very excited to be teaching your student this year. I feel blessed to work here with the Camp Hill family this year.

A little bit about myself: I am in my 10th year of teaching high school social studies. I hold an undergraduate degree in education from Clarion University and a masters degree in education from Saint Francis University. Most recently, I have obtained an M.A. in American History and Government from Ashland University through a fellowship from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship, a yearly award granted to one social studies teacher per state.

I am excited to learn American History with your student this year, and wanted to open a line of communication to me in order to introduce the class. APUSH is a rigorous curriculum with a long reputation of being a strong indicator of academic achievement. It is a challenging course meant to be the equivalent of 2 college semesters of United States history. To have success, students must be willing to devote time to reading and studying content. This course goes beyond simple memorization of facts. Critical thinking, argumentative writing, and interpretation of primary and secondary documents are emphasized. Some things your student can expect in APUSH this year:

1. The content of this class is focused on independent work, requiring reading and notetaking most nights. Students can expect to spend 35-45 minutes on APUSH homework nightly.
2. If no homework is "assigned", students can always spend time reviewing on some of the platforms I will be sharing with them (Gilder-Lehrman Study Guide is a great go-to).

3. The course will culminate with a cumulative exam. If students choose not to complete the AP exam, there will be an alternative exam that will mirror the AP exam that will be taken in its place. I really encourage all students to take the AP exam, it's a good experience.
4. Grades will be weighted to ensure that students have a fair opportunity to earn high marks throughout the course of the class.

A common pitfall for students who struggle in APUSH is that they do not read the assigned material. Instead, they "look up" what they think they need to know via the internet. This is a very bad practice when it comes to succeeding in AP classes and eventually their college courses. If your student ever struggles with anything in APUSH, I am here to help and support them in whatever they need!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have a question about anything. I look forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Robbie Tubbs

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