

## AP US History Summer Assignment 2019-20

Thank you for your commitment to AP US History. This will be a demanding course; the pace will be aggressive and the workload will be quite heavy, especially in terms of reading and writing. Our time is very limited during the school year. Thus, we have to begin our studies over the summer.

**Required Textbook:** Fraser, James W. *By the People*. First Edition

I strongly recommend you purchase your own book so you can write in it. You can buy a used copy from a current student or purchase a new or used copy on amazon or other websites that sell textbooks. The Teacher's Edition is fine. For those who prefer not to purchase their own text, see me before school gets out to check out a book--Room 706 (Harvey) or 507 (Speir).

**Summer Assignment:** This assignment is due the first block day of the first week of school (August 15 or 16). Bring in a hard copy. It must be stapled or clipped together before you come to class on the first day. Everything you turn in MUST be your own work. If it is copied from the internet or from a classmate, it is plagiarism, and you will be subject to the Acalanes Union High School District academic honesty policy.

1. Read Chapters 1-2 in *By the People*. Take Cornell notes (outline notes) on each chapter (see attached and/or Google Classroom for the format). If you still have questions on the format, see me before school gets out. Notes must be hand-written. Your notes should be 5-8 single-sided pages per chapter. If they are shorter than this, you are probably missing key details. If they are longer, you are probably including too much detail. Pay special attention to the Identification terms (see attached and/or Google Classroom for Period 1 Reading Guide). I prefer that you include the IDs in the right-hand column of your notes, but you can put them in the left-hand column if you prefer. Either way, they must be written within your notes on the chapter, NOT as separate IDs at the end of your notes. Each chapter should take you approximately 2 hours.
2. Be prepared for an in-class discussion on the readings. This will take place during the first week of school.

**To access the Google Classroom site**, which has the documents required for the summer assignment, go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com). Sign in as a student with your [auhsdschools.org](https://auhsdschools.org) account (you will NOT be able to access the site with your personal email account), and join the class with the following code: **s48pz3d**

If you have any questions during the summer about the summer assignment or the class, email Mrs. Harvey or Mr. Speir. Any emails sent to me MUST include a greeting ("Dear Mrs. Harvey/Mr. Speir..."), an explanation of who you are, and a closing (Sincerely,..."). I will not check my email daily. Be sure to email me with enough time for me to get back to you. DO NOT wait until the day before school starts to email me with questions.

Sincerely,

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