

APUSH – Silverado High School
Summer 2019 Assignment

Assignment: How will you beat the odds?

AP U.S. History is a college –level course. In AP U.S. History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course also provides eight themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; work exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; America and regional culture; and social structures.

In May of 2018, there were 501,530 students who took the AP U.S. History exam. The pass rate was 51.8%. The average score, out of a scale of 1 to 5, was 2.66. A minimum score of 3 is needed to pass the exam.

So the essential question here is – How will you beat the odds?

Your assignment is in two parts:

1. Submit at least a 5 page typed essay (double spaced and with size 12 Cambria or Times New Roman font) outlining your plan to pass the AP U.S. History exam. In addition, include a title page with your name, name of class, name of assignment, and date.

- Begin by explaining why you are taking the AP U.S. History exam and how it ties with any goal(s) you may have in your life.
- List the skills and knowledge required to learn in order to pass the AP U.S. History and explain how you will acquire them.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics traits and habits needed to prepare for the AP U.S. History exam and explain how you have them or will develop them.
- Conclude with a summary of why you are going to beat the odds and pass the AP U.S. History exam.

2. Be prepared to make a 3-5 minute poster board or PowerPoint self-introduction presentation to the class explaining why you are taking the AP U.S. History Exam and how it ties with any goal(s) you may have in your life.

Due date: Monday, August 5, 2019

Enjoy your summer. APUSH is challenging but it can also be fun.

Recommended reading:

5 Keys to Success in Advanced Placement Courses

<https://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/college-admissions-playbook/2014/08/25/5-keys-to-success-in-advanced-placement-courses>

6 Tips for Rocking Your AP Classes

<https://www.hercampus.com/high-school/6-tips-rocking-your-ap-classes>