

Dear Prospective AP US History Student,

I am writing to you to give you an idea of what to expect next year in AP U.S History and my personal approach to the class.

1. This class will test your organizational and time management skills.
2. My hope is this class is rewarding for you, helps you grow, and serves as excellent preparation for college level courses in your future.
3. I hope to prepare you in such a way that you can score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam that you will take in early May 2019.
4. Time is not necessarily our ally—we have over 800 years of history to cover in roughly 32 weeks. Our textbook spreads that history out in 31 different chapters.
5. The AP Exam has no favorite time period—in order to score on the AP Exam you will likely have to answer a question about life on the Mississippi in the 13th century while also understanding the key elements of the Bill Clinton presidency.
6. You will be ready—we will cover both topics mentioned in item five along with hundreds of others in between.
7. We will have to be efficient—you do the math but to cover all that history in only 32 weeks expect to use every single moment of class time every single day.
8. Personal responsibility is a must—I will not have time to hold your hands. If you are asked to read chapter 14 in preparation for class then make sure you read chapter 14.
9. Remember what you signed up for—this is an AP class, I will treat it like one. My expectations will be very high. I will bring my best effort every day and I will expect yours.
10. We will uncover the history of our country together—you would be hard pressed to find a more interesting history of any country than that of the United States. It truly is a rags to riches story with all kinds of interesting twists and turns along the way.
11. If you bring it you will be glad you did—for only the price of around ninety class sessions and some outside work you could leave with a working knowledge of the history of this country. Thomas Jefferson argued that an educated citizenry was vital to the survival of democracy. I hope to assist you on your path to becoming a better citizen of the nation.

I look forward to seeing you in early August.

Mr. Judd Moulton