Students enrolled in AP U.S. History will need to complete the following summer assignment to be successful in the course when it begins in the fall. Please understand that the course is taught very similar to a Freshman/Sophomore level college survey course in U.S. History. The reading, writing, and analytical demands placed on the students in this course are substantial. We will move through content fairly quickly during the school year, on average we will cover about a chapter a week; therefore, it is crucial that you are properly prepared before class begins.

**Period overviews and notes**

In order to finish the course content on time, you will be responsible for reading and learning about Historical Periods 1 and 2 on your own. To do this, read the chapters in the text linked here [PDF] and complete the following assignments.

**Historical Period 1**

1. Click on [http://ap.gilderlehrman.org/period/1](http://ap.gilderlehrman.org/period/1). Watch the 8-minute review video, review the Key Concepts, and peruse through the Timeline and read/watch the Timeline resources.
2. Watch the videos embedded and take notes on the historical period as you go and answer the questions. [Period One Document](#)

**Historical Period 2**

1. Click on [https://ap.gilderlehrman.org/period/2](https://ap.gilderlehrman.org/period/2). Watch the 6-minute review video, review the Key Concepts, and peruse through the Timeline and read/watch the Timeline resources.
2. Watch the videos embedded and take notes on the historical period as you go and answer the questions. [Period Two Document](#)

Please email your instructor with any questions.

Enjoy your summer and look forward to meeting you all in the fall.

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