

Advanced Placement United States History Course Introduction and Summer Reading Assignment

You are reading this because you have expressed interest in enrolling in Advanced Placement United States History during the 2009-2010 school year.

It is necessary that you understand what is required to successfully complete this course before you enroll. The logistics of scheduling will make it difficult if not impossible to drop the course after the beginning of the term.

Please consider the following:

1. This is a college-level course.
2. This course is required for graduation and there is no guarantee that you will pass.
3. Summer reading is required and an examination addressing the summer reading will count as a significant part of your grade in the course.
4. A great deal of outside reading and research is necessary to successfully complete this course.
5. You will be required to participate in a meaningful way in class discussions.
6. You will be strongly encouraged to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

The required summer reading is chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the following book:

Zinn, Howard. People's History of the United States 1492 to Present (P.S.).
New York: Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 2005.
ISBN: 0060838655 Paperback: 768 pages.

This book is very readable and provides a perspective on historical events not often found in traditional textbooks. The book is available at major bookstores like Barnes & Noble and Borders. Used copies are also available from Amazon.com starting around \$8.15 (plus shipping). Local libraries may also have this book available.

During the first week of class you'll take an examination covering the material presented in chapters 1, 2 and 3 of this book. This is required and will count toward your grade in the course. Additional readings from this book will be assigned as part of the course.

This instructor is available to answer any other questions you might have before enrolling:

Mr. John McDonnell
Room F-6
mcdojf@fUSD.net | 909-357-5800 x10531

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the course requirements as outlined above.

Please detach and return this portion of the form to Mr. McDonnell.

Print name

Signature

Date