

**AP U.S. History (APUSH)
2018-2019**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The College Board states the following about the AP U.S. History (APUSH) course: “The AP U.S. History course focuses on developing students’ understanding of American history from approximately 1491 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of U.S. history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides seven themes (American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.” Upon completion of the two-semester course, you will receive one (1) unit of high school credit. College credit may also be earned.

You must take the AP U.S. History Examination in May, 2019. The current cost of the exam is \$94.00. The AP United States History Examination is approximately a 3-hour, national College Board test administered around mid-May. Below you will find each of the four (4) parts of the exam along with the time allowed for each part, and the percentage that each part counts toward the total grade on the test:

- Fifty-five stimulus multiple-choice questions (55 minutes, 40 percent)
- Four short-answer questions (50 minutes, 20 percent)
- One document-based question (55 minutes, 25 percent)
- One long essay question which is chosen from a pair (35 minutes, 15 percent)

The test is graded on a one (1) to five (5) scale, with one (1) being the lowest score and five (5) being the highest. **Grades of three (3) to five (5) result in college credit.**

✓ **Supply List for APUSH:**

- ✓ Textbook: AMSCO Publisher, *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination, 2018 edition*. ISBN: 9781531113278. The cost of the book is \$18.95 without shipping. The book can be ordered from the following site: <https://www.amscopub.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/united-states-history-ap-exam.html>. It is mandatory that you order this book ASAP. **Make certain that you get the 2018 edition** or newer edition if available. However, at present only the 2018 edition is available. It can be ordered from other sites like Amazon, but it is more costly.

✓ **Summer Assignments Information:**

- ✓ **Deadline – AP summer assignments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Students who do not submit their AP summer assignments by the deadline will be dropped from the course. All AP summer assignments will be submitted online via the school website. My contact information for questions is: oeleuterius@stpatrickhighschool.net.**

After you receive your AMSCO book you will need to complete the following assignments:

- ✓ In the AMSCO book read the introduction. This is pages XI to XXXVI. When you return to school in August, I will give you a quiz on an overview of the AP U.S. History exam as well as the historical periods (there are nine of these). This information can be found in the introduction of the AMSCO book.

- ✓ Read chapter 1, pages 1 to 20. Define the key terms on page 14, the multiple choice questions beginning on page 15, and the four short answer questions beginning on page 19. This should be submitted in typewritten form.
- ✓ Read chapter 31, pages 679 to 700. Define the key terms on page 694, the multiple choice questions beginning on page 695, and the four short answer questions beginning on page 698. This should be submitted in typewritten form.
- ✓ Choose a topic from American History in which there was a conflict that resulted in a compromise. You must research the conflict and research the compromise that resulted from the conflict. Some examples of conflict and compromise are:
 - The Three-Fifths Compromise
 - The Compromise of 1850
 - The Compromise of 1877
 - The Missouri Compromise
 - The Great Compromise
 - The Cuban Missile Crisis (a conflict) and the compromise that avoided a nuclear war
 - The constitutional conflict that resulted in the compromise of the Bill of Rights
 - Conflict with American Indians that resulted in Indian removal
 - The conflict with Alcohol that result in Prohibition
 - Conflict between Federalists and Anti-Federalist that resulted in compromise
- ✓ The above are just suggestions. You will submit a two page typewritten paper in MLA format. This means a 12 font, double spaced, and Times New Roman.

- ✓ Be certain that you have everything in by **11:59 p.m. on Tuesday July 31st, 2019.**