

To: Students and Parents of AP History Students
From: MTHS Social Studies Department
RE: Information on AP Requirements

As we prepare for the next year of the AP US and World History classes to be offered at MTHS, we would like to make you aware of the requirements for gaining credit in the class.

The class is designed to be a college level class that could earn you 3 hours of credit at your college of choice if you pass the AP exam, and you will also earn honors points towards your high school GPA.

With this in mind, we want to make it clear that you will be asked to do college level work. This means that you will be required to do most of your background reading and studying outside of the classroom in order that we can use class time for higher level skills such as critical thinking, persuasive writing, and class debate. Also, the textbook and study guides used by the instructor will be from the websites tied to our textbook or Google Classroom pages of the instructor; therefore, you will need access to the internet to be able to complete many of the assignments. This may be done at home or before and after school in the building. In addition, these classes require you to have basic internet and computing skills before you enter this class, and you are expected to be self-sufficient in our virtual learning environment. Finally, you will need to complete a summer reading and writing project based upon selected work. The assignment will go out no later than May 18th, and it will be due the second day of class in the fall. **If you fail to complete the summer assignment, you may not drop down to regular History. You will start the class with zero out of 100 points.** This means that you must decide whether or not you are willing to put in the extra time and effort in order to earn the advanced credits. Please review the list of class requirements below and sign off that you are willing to complete the necessary work for the class. We want this to be an opportunity for you to get ahead in your academic career; however, you must understand that this is a class designed to prepare you for upper-level college courses and passing the AP exam.

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AP History Requirements:

1. Internet access for an average of 30 minutes a day outside of class.
2. Basic understanding of online academic resources.
3. Completion of a summer reading unit and response paper.
4. Preparedness for the AP exam by May.
5. Ability to work independently and complete assignments before due deadlines.
6. **Class request form turned in by March 1, 2021 to Mr. Finch.**

If you have any further questions please email Deric Linder at dlinder@mths.us or Eric Sliger at esliger@mths.us.

I understand that these are the requirements for completing AP US or World History successfully and am qualified to take advanced classes.

Student: _____ Signature: _____

Parent: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Current Social Studies teacher approval: _____