

APUSH---Advanced Placement United States History

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Initially, your summer assignment is to read and make notes for Unit I: The Colonial Era—Chapters 1-3. Please start on a new sheet of paper when you go from one chapter to the next. Do NOT write on the back of your notes, and write in black or dark blue ink. **All outlines must be done by hand**--no typed copies will be accepted without special permission from Mrs. O'Donnell. **Follow the format on the next page** so that I can easily and quickly check your chapters when you submit them on day 1 of the school year. **Failure to follow my format will be costly to your grade for this summer assignment. See the next page for a sample.** ***

REMEMBER: On day 1 of the school term, you will submit to me your notes on Chapters 1, 2, and 3. We will discuss these chapters for about 3 days in class. Following the discussion, you will **take a test** on this material. It is incumbent on you to read critically, make strong notes, and ask questions about anything that you do not understand.

OFFICE HOURS: Please feel free to contact me via email (podonnell@madisoncity.k12.al.us) should you have any questions/issues. You should feel free to email me the first few pages of your notes, and I can give you a “thumbs up” or “thumbs down” as to how well you are following the format. I will be traveling this summer, so I may not get back to you right away.

Directions for Note Taking: Start by reading chapter one. You are to summarize each paragraph in one bullet as demonstrated below. Your statement should be a cause and effect statement. Do NOT rewrite the book, copy the book's sentences, or copy anyone else's sentences. Do not cut and paste together two sentences from the book. These statements must be yours. Be sure to skip a line when you go to the next paragraph, as demonstrated/stated below. Try to include a cause and effect in each statement.

***SAMPLE (Refer to schoology page for a handwritten sample.)

CHAPTER 1: New World Beginnings (*Chapter # and title on top line of first page*)

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1. The Shaping of North America (*first topic heading in the chapter*)
 - a. Due to shifting the single supercontinent broke apart 225M yrs ago (*composite statement that summarizes the first paragraph- including cause and effect*)
 - b. Mountain ranges formed by shifting/folding of earth's crust before formation of various continents about 350M yrs ago. (*composite statement that summarizes second paragraph including cause and effect*)
 - c. About 10 million years ago North America was shaped including its unique geographic features
 - d. 2 million years ago a huge ice sheet covered parts of the earth moving down from the polar regions
 - e. As ice retreated it left permanent geographic features such as Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River

-----skip a line between the topic headings----it helps with visualization of material-----

2. Peopling the Americas

- a. *(Cause and effect statement of the first paragraph)*
- b. *(Cause and effect statement of the second paragraph)*
- c. *(Cause and effect statement of the third paragraph)*

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Follow this procedure for the remainder of the topics in Chapter 1. Staple the Chapter 1 notes together. Now, **start on a new page with the notes for Chapter 2.** Follow this procedure for Chapter 3. Some chapters include a section entitled “Makers of America,” MOA, on blue pages. **Include MOAs in your notes for the chapter. Please put MOAs where they appear in the chapter notes.** If they appear after the first 6 sections then that is where they go in your outline. Sometimes they appear in the middle of a section; finish the previous section before you start the MOA. All sections get a number, including the MOAs.