

Hey everyone:

I hope you're all doing well and enjoying the beginning of summer.

And, CONGRATULATIONS on earning a spot in the AP U.S. History course! You should all be very proud of the terrific year you just completed in U.S. History 1. And I'm looking forward to a great year coming up with each of you in AP!

I'm writing today to let you know what I'm expecting you to do over the summer break in order to get us moving quickly from day one in late August. So please look below for the assignment(s):

1. TO BEGIN, PLEASE CONFIRM BY E.MAIL THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED (AND HAVE READ) THIS MESSAGE

2. Read Textbook Chapters 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21

3. IN A NOTEBOOK (not a Google Doc or any other on-line platform), please write out the following questions and answer them as you're doing the reading. Use the Textbook information to answer the questions - do not look to Google or any other website for the information.

*** Please e.Mail me your written questions and answers according to the following schedule:

- a) Chapter 14 and Chapter 15 Questions and Answers are due by Thursday July 16, 2026
- b) Chapter 16, 20, and 21 Questions and Answers are due by Thursday August 20, 2026.

Please note that this assignment is MANDATORY and the deadlines must be met. Please e.mail me right away if you think you may have difficulty meeting these deadlines and requirements.

At the beginning of the school year we will go over these questions in class. . . . I *may* be grading your work too, though I haven't decided that yet. Naturally, if you have *ANY* questions, please e.mail me as I'll be checking my e.mail frequently during the summer.

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS:

From Chapter 14:

- 1. What was the "Lowell System"?
- 2. What was gained from the creation of the Erie Canal and what problems about funding were presented by it?
- 3. What were the major differences between the Irish and German immigrants of the 1800s in terms of their reasons for emigrating here, where they settled, what occupations they had, and how well they assimilated / were welcomed by the American public?

From Chapter 15

- 4. To what does the term "2nd Great Awakening" refer?

5. Why did the Mormons irritate and frighten conservatives so much?
6. What major change in voting qualifications occurred in this time period?
7. In what region of the country did tax-supported public education succeed during this time period?
8. What were some views of the Transcendentalists?

From Chapter 16

9. In what way was there sort of a "Gag Resolution" in the U.S. Post Office at this time?
10. Why were abolitionists unpopular in North and South?
11. What were the big fears of slave holders at this time?
12. What was offered to free Blacks by the American Colonization Society, and why did so few Blacks take the deal?

From Chapter 20:

13. Lincoln felt that the extraordinary circumstances of the time allowed him to implement some programs and take some actions that could be deemed "unconstitutional" in retrospect. What were two decisions he made in the very early days / weeks of his presidency that fit this category?
14. For what reason(s) were there draft riots in New York City during the Civil War?
15. How were Confederate President Jefferson Davis's efforts to conduct and win the Civil War hampered by the very traditions of the South he was trying to defend?
16. What were Lincoln's big fears in terms of England and France as the war progressed?

From Chapter 21:

17. What was unique about the so-called "Border States"?
18. What were three of the most significant reasons for the Union victory in the Civil War?
19. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation decreed that slaves in the Confederacy were free. However the Confederacy did not consider Lincoln to be their President and so no one freed their slaves. . . Lincoln expected this. . . so what was Lincoln's point (or goal) when issuing the Emancipation Proclamation?
20. Why was the Union victory at Atlanta in 1864 so critical to the war (and to Lincoln's reelection hopes)?

Please note that you will take a quiz on Chapter 21 in the second week of school, and a test on Chapter 22 a week or two later.

OK everyone, good luck with the work and please remember to e.mail me that you've received this message, e.mail me with any questions, and email me if you think you'll have trouble getting this work

done in time.

Thanks so much everyone and have a great summer!

Mr DiFalco