

APUSH/APEG Student Blog

We are going to write a collaborative, crowdsourced blog that will answer a particularly important question (which we develop as a group) we are learning each week.

The Goals

- To allow each student responsibility and freedom among his/her peers for his/her perspective
- To develop each student's writing and communication abilities through public presentation
- To develop an understanding of how to create thoughtful, driving questions
- To develop a spirit of inquiry
- To develop positive critiquing skills
- To create a common source of information and opinions which will help us understand what we're learning better
- To learn to be finished quickly and by a deadline and to be "good with that"

How

- Each student develops a driving question for the week with help from classmates
- Each student writes one "five paragraph" essay post per semester which answers that question--100% participation
- Each student will write a "one paragraph" substantial critical analysis or comment on each post

For example:

What was particularly strong or weak about the post?

How would I have done it differently and why?

How would I have focused on or used different ideas, examples, and details and why?