



Going into APUSH2



SUMMER 2025

Congratulations on successfully completing your first year of Advanced Honors / Placement United States History! I wish you a restful, healthy, productive summer vacation.

To help you with those boring, hazy, lazy days of summer, I ask you to do the following activities before you return in the fall. Purpose: to keep you fresh, to hit the ground running, and have more time in the spring to review for the AP test which is scheduled for early May.

REQUIRED and due first day of school at the beginning of the period

1. Read and take notes on Chapter 18, "Conquest and Survival: The Trans-Mississippi West, 1860-1900." These notes can be done in a number of ways: You may complete the notes entirely in one format, or "mix and match" as makes sense based on the material covered / section you are working on.
 - a. Outline (in standard academic format or bulleted list -- remember that indentations hold meaning)
 - b. Charts
 - c. Diagrams

This will be checked for completion on the first day of class and will serve as the basis for your notes for our first unit, which you will annotate / add to during the course of our classes.

If you are away from your text, but still want to read Ch18, [click here for help](#) with digital resources. **You must use your Holmdel ID.**

- Be sure you have the notes you create **on paper** for our 1st day of class! 😊

2. Memorize all of the presidents in order.
 - a. You will need to know them throughout the year and up to the AP exam in May, so memorize them in a way that will stick with you. These will provide a touchstone to help you with your chronology and relative dating of social, economic, and political events.
 - b. You may create your own mnemonic, song, poem, drawing, etc. to help you or you may use one which already exists. Some people find memorizing 4-5 presidents together in a group helpful & then remembering the links between the "clumps." Some students have found online games that help them to learn the presidents.
3. Don't forget what you learned in AHUSH1. This is a two year course, so you will build on the information that you have already gained. There will be questions on tests in APUSH2 that relate to the information that you have already learned.

ALL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES ARE DUE ON YOUR FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.
Chapter Notes will be checked and presidents can appear on any quiz, at any time.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION!! I do not regularly check my school email during the summer, therefore if you have questions regarding these assignments, ask me before school lets out or confer with one of your APUSH peers.

--Ms. McBride

p.s. If you try to access the summer assignment from my webpage or the Humanities webpage you **must use your Holmdel ID.**