

## SUMMER READING STUDY GUIDE – A.P. U.S. HISTORY

*The American Pageant* (16th Edition) by Bailey, Kennedy, Cohen  
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**Statement of Intent:** Summer reading for AP US History is very important. It allows us to begin the class earlier which takes a certain amount of pressure off the school year.

**Instructions:** You will need to read chapters 1-8 of the text, *The American Pageant*. (In addition... it is highly recommended that you also read chapters 38-41-- though this is optional. Doing this will take a tremendous amount of pressure off you in the spring semester.) Take notes in any form you like, but you must write these notes...no typing. The norm is between five to eight pages per chapter (one page equals the front of a piece of binder paper). Think of it this way...if you were allowed to use these notes on a test, would they be complete enough? The test that will be given based on these chapters will be weighted to represent chapters of coverage. Your notes will be collected and graded also. Both your notes and tests on chapters 1-8 and 38-41 will count for about twenty percent of the semester grade. If you want to get even more of a head start on the Fall Semester, do the test review questions for chapters one – eight. I will have these copied off by the last week of instruction (week before final exams). You can pick these up outside my office door (inside Campus Ministry).

**Suggestion:** Buy the book at the beginning of summer vacation... and pace yourself. The book is offered in a two volume soft cover edition that would be more light-weight in terms of carrying the book around with you. The text might also be available for download on an IPAD for substantial savings. Again, since you are taking notes on chapters, you could spread the reading out over summer vacation. Then, in late August, review your notes. Do not leave all of this until August or you will have a miserable August. Each chapter will take between 2.5 and 4 hours, at least!

Warning: These chapters must be done before the first day of class or you will be penalized fifty per cent.

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