

## AP US HISTORY

Thank you for your interest in taking AP US History during your junior year. There will be a maximum of 28 students permitted in this class during the next school year. Generally I expect students to be intelligent, well behaved, hard-working, and mature to make this class as successful as possible. This course is intended to be a college level course, which will require a large degree of dedication and time on your part. Specifically, this class requires four things, which are: a B+ average in both semesters of your Western Civilization classes, a minimum overall G.P.A. of 3.5, a teacher recommendation from your sophomore Western Civilization teacher, and a completed application signed by you and your parent or guardian. The only exception to this is if I have less than 28 applicants and you receive one grade in a semester less than the required B+, otherwise these requirements will stand. This is a very demanding course, so please seriously consider if you really want to take on this kind of commitment. We will need to cover all of United States History in less than our regular school calendar, with our national exam taking place in early May. Because of this factor, we will go through the class at a very rapid pace, not by choice but by necessity.

If you know you are going to be extremely busy with other activities then may want to reconsider taking this course. In order to achieve at a high level in this class you will need to do a minimum of one hour of homework a night. Please take note that statement said a minimum of one hour a night. In most cases if you desire to achieve at a high level and give yourself a good opportunity to pass the AP exam, more time will be needed. Also, homework will often spill over into the weekend. There will be summer homework, which will be announced after the class roster has been completed. At the bottom of this sheet, I need both the student and at least one parent/guardian of each student to sign so each of you knows the commitment that this class entails. After the signature, you need to say in 50 words or less why you want to take this course. Additionally there will be an \$90 fee at the beginning of the school year to pay for the national exam that will be administered in early May. This is a nonrefundable fee.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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In fifty words or less please tell me why you would like to be considered for this course.

Please include your 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade and current 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grade and your overall G.P.A. as it was listed at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester this year.

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

I will take care of teacher recommendations. Again thank you for your interest and I look forward to next year.

Yours truly, Mr. Bras