

AP US HISTORY SUMMER PREPARATION

- A. **Geography.** Knowledge of United States geography is assumed for this course. Within the first full week of school you will be asked to take a blank map quiz on which you must score above a 90%. You may retake the quiz (without penalty) as many times during September until you attain this level of proficiency. Required:

States and capitals

Rivers: Ohio, Hudson, James, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Colorado, Rio Grande, Snake, Columbia, Platte, Tennessee, St. Lawrence

Water: Great Lakes, Great Salt Lake, Chesapeake Bay, Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of California, Puget Sound, San Francisco Bay, Long Island Sound

Land Forms: Appalachian Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Sonora Desert, Great Plains, Cascade Mountains, Sierra Nevada Mountains

Major Cities: New York, Boston, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Seattle, Portland, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, New Orleans, Charleston (SC)

READING:

- A. Sometime *this summer*, you are required to read Chapter 1 of your AP US History textbook and to use the related study guides which are posted to AP US History Section of Mr. Hill's website. I would recommend doing this reading more toward the end of the summer so that it will be freshest in your mind. We will be hitting the ground running with it the first week of school.
- B. Your other required reading for AP United States History is Tony Horwitz's *A Journey Long and Strange: On the Trail of Vikings, Conquistadors, Lost Colonists, and Other Adventurers in Early America* (ISBN: 0312428324) which is about the author's attempt to learn about what happened during the European discovery of the New World by retracing the steps of various European conquerors and the Native Americans they encountered.

Once you are done reading the book, you may for extra credit write a 1 to 2 page review of it.

Email me if you have any questions.