

AP U.S. History Summer Reading

If you are planning to take AP U.S. History next year, you need to spend some time reading ahead. There is one mandatory reading, and one extra credit reading for the summer.

Mandatory Reading:

The Declaration of Independence authored by Thomas Jefferson, written in 1776.

Read it forwards, backwards, read it taking the perspective of a colonist, read it taking the perspective of a British subject, read it like an American, read it like a foreigner to the country, and finally listen to it on www.declareyourself.org/videos.htm Understand it, appreciate, and love it.

Extra Credit Reading:

A Short History of the United States by Robert Remini.

This work is a survey treatment of American history from the first English colonists to modern day in less than 400 pages. Reading and understanding this text and the issues it brings up will be critical to your success in AP US History. This book will also be the basis for your first opportunity for extra credit in the first six weeks, next school year.

If you have questions this summer, email either Mrs. Leblanc (leblanpc@friscoisd.org) or Mr. McLellan (mclellam@friscoisd.org). Have a Great Summer!!!