

## Course Objectives

## AP Exam

The national AP US History Exam is on Friday, May 5, 2017. Every student enrolled in AP US History at CVHS is expected to take the exam. The exam is three hours, 15 minutes long and consists of a multiple choice/short-answer section and a free- response section. There is a fee of approximately $90 to take the exam. Students who pass the exam can earn college credit. Exam registration and due dates for the fees will be announced in the spring.

* Investigate and develop an understanding of the key concepts, people, groups, and events in the College Board’s AP US History Concept Outline.
* Develop and apply historical thinking skills to the study of US History.
* Develop knowledge of historical content through application of thematic learning objectives.
* Explore and interpret a variety of primary sources and secondary texts related to US History.
* Prepare to pass the national AP US History Exam.

College Board: “The AP US History course focuses on developing students’ understanding of American history from approximately 1491 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of US history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides seven themes...that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.”

As is the case with all college-level AP courses, AP US History is a rigorous, fast- paced course. As a result, you will be required to complete reading, writing, and other assignments outside of class, as well as take notes in class on lectures and discussions. Failure to complete independent assignments and poor note-taking will have a negative impact on your ability to be successful in the course. This AP course is demanding and you can expect exams in traditional AP format, in-class essays, individual and group work, and presentations. You are required to maintain a 3-ring binder for notes, assignments, and returned exams. These will serve as invaluable review resources in the weeks leading up to the national AP US History Exam!

AP US History is a year-long course. A passing grade each semester will satisfy CVHS’ US History graduation requirement.

# AP US History Syllabus

“Mauris non erat. Integer dolor metus, hendrerit a, convallis vel, vehicula in, enim.”

3 ring binder

9 dividers

notecards & ring or box

textbook

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#### Classroom Supplies:

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This course is designed to be college level therefore the assignments will reflect a high academic standard. We will have chapter quizzes, notecards, essays, DBQs, and unit tests. All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Because of the high expectation there will be an 8 point percentage bump available for those who turn in all assignments on time. (I will give a one time late grace period per semester).

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| AP US History Unit | | Instructional Time | % of AP Exam |
| Unit 1 | 1491-1607 | 5% | 5% |
| Unit 2 | 1607-1754 | 10% | 45% |
| Unit 3 | 1454-1800 | 12% |
| Unit 4 | 1800-1848 | 10% |
| Unit 5 | 1844-1877 | 13% |
| Unit 6 | 1865-1898 | 13% | 45% |
| Unit 7 | 1890-1945 | 17% |
| Unit 8 | 1945-1980 | 15% |
| Unit 9 | 1980-present | 5% | 5% |

AP US History course content reflects the content of college and university introductory US History courses. The AP US History content is divided into nine units by time period. Instructional importance and assessment weighing as recommended by College Board is as follows:

## Grading

## Course Content