

For Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH), reading the textbook is an essential part of success both in class and on the AP Exam. You must be effective at taking notes from the textbook and keeping that with the notes you take in class. The textbook serves not only as a framework for understanding what is being discussed in class, but it will cover things that the teacher will not, and the teacher will cover things that are not in the textbook. With the amount of content involved, reading outside of class is mandatory, and getting a start on the background of the United States, specifically before 1754, must be done before our course begins.

In a typical year, the textbook America's History 8th Edition by James Henretta, Eric Hinderaker, Rebecca Edwards, and Robert Self is handed out before summer (commonly referred to as the Henretta text). This is not a typical year.

At least to start course content, we will be using The American Yawp, an online-only textbook created and curated by Stanford University Press and designed for the APUSH course.

Its homepage is: <http://www.americanyawp.com/>

You are tasked with reading chapters 1-4 and taking notes. It is always obvious on the first day of class who has read and who has not. Do not put yourself behind before the year even begins.

There will be class discussions on this material and you will be expected to know it before you come into class. You are responsible for knowing the topics covered, as the information from these four chapters will be assessed in the fall.

Chapter 1: The New World <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/01-the-new-world/>

Chapter 2: Colliding Cultures <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/02-colliding-cultures/>

Chapter 3: British North America <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/03-british-north-america/>

Chapter 4: Colonial Society <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/04-colonial-society/>

If you have any questions regarding this assignment, email one of the course instructors. Happy reading!

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