

**Social Studies Department  
Mamaroneck High School  
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**Welcome to Advanced Placement United States History!**

1. Log on to Google Classroom and join the AP US History Summer Reading 2019 class.

You will need this code:     **jinrmgu**

2. **Read Chapters 1 and 2** from American History by Alan Brinkley, **pages 12-84** of The American West—A New Interpretive History by Robert Hine and John Faragher and the selection of primary source documents. These readings are on Google Classroom (see code above).

2. In a **two page essay**, answer the following question:

*Choose **TWO** of the following groups and for each analyze the **cultural** and **economic** response to the Indians of North America before 1750.*

*British*

*French*

*Spanish*

3. Your essay should be typed (double spaced) using Times New Roman font (12 point) with 1” margins on each side. When necessary, use parenthetical in-text citation to cite information from the above sources. You do not need to consult other sources; if you do, be sure to include a works cited page using MLA format.

4. Please be sure to carefully read the attached essay checklist as it will be used to grade the essay. **Your essay must be submitted to Turnitin.com by the end of school on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Keep the following in mind while reading the sources and preparing your essay:

American History is a comprehensive textbook used in many AP and college courses. It is designed to give background knowledge on “everything” that has happened in America.

The American West—A New Interpretive History is a secondary source written to provide detail, analysis and interpretation about specific events and time periods in American history. Students of history need to analyze a historian’s argument, explain how an argument is supported and evaluate the argument’s effectiveness.

Students of history use primary sources as evidence about what has happened in the past. For each document, it is important to note the historical context, the author's point of view, purpose and audience to evaluate a document’s reliability and significance as evidence.

We look forward to a wonderful AP experience in 2019-2020. Enjoy the summer!