

# APUSH Presentation

Fall 2015 Meet the Teacher night

# WELCOME!



## APUSH Mr. Hutchison



AP US History  
Web Online

# ABOUT ME

- 17<sup>th</sup> year in education
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# APUSH GRADING

- **Point based system** – total points earned divided by total points possible
- Points range from 10 points for class-work to 100+ points for projects
- **Chapter guides** – may be required if student is not meeting minimum level of expectations
- **Late daily work will NOT be accepted for credit**
- Late essays and projects will be penalized 10 points for every school day that it is late

# APUSH GRADING

- Course Grade

- Qtr 1 = 40%
- Qtr 2 = 40%
- Final Exam = 20%

## FINAL EXAM INFO:

- Teacher made
- Seniors do qualify for exemption

**AP EXAM ON MAY 06, 2016**

***NOT REQUIRED*, BUT RECOMMENDED, AND FREE!**

# COURSE ORGANIZATION

## 7 THEMES

- Work, Exchange, and Technology
- Identity
- Ideas, Beliefs, and Culture
- America in the World
- Environment and Geography
- Politics and Power
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## 9 TIME PERIODS

- 1491-1607
- 1607-1754
- 1754-1800
- 1800-1848
- 1844-1877
- 1865-1914
- 1890-1945
- 1945-1989
- 1980-present

# HISTORICAL SKILLS

Skill Type	Historical Thinking Skill
I. Chronological Reasoning	1. Historical causation 2. Patterns of continuity and change over time 3. Periodization
II. Comparison and Contextualization	4. Comparison 5. Contextualization
III. Crafting historical arguments from historical evidence	6. Historical argumentation 7. Appropriate use of relevant historical evidence
IV. Historical interpretation and synthesis	8. Interpretation 9. Synthesis

## **Reasons to take the AP course and give your best on the exam...**

- Colleges and universities see AP experience as a positive sign.
- AP experience will give students the reading, writing and thinking skills so important to college success.
- Passing the AP exam can give students college credit (and save money in the long run).



# The National Pass Rate



- ◎ Only 50% of students who take the AP exam pass with a score of 3 or better.  
(53% at Green Hope)
- ◎ 2015 Average score 2.628
- ◎ This should be a signal to the amount and difficulty of the work required to succeed.

# PROBABILITY OF COLLEGE CREDIT

**The cut off score for credit varies by school. Check with each University for their specific requirements**

AP GRADE	QUALIFIER	CREDIT?
5	Extremely well qualified	YES
4	Well qualified	YES
3	Qualified	PROBABLY
2	Possibly qualified	RARELY
1	Not recommended	NO

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

# APUSH EXAM INFO

<b>1491 – 1607</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Exploration to Jamestown</b>
<b>1607 – 1865</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>British Colonial to Civil War</b>
<b>1865 – 1980</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>Reconstruction to Reagan</b>
<b>1980 –</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Reagan to Obama</b>

**AP U.S. History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long**

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUESTIONS</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>	<u>% SCORE</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Multiple Choice (4 answers)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40%</b>
	<b>Short Answer</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>DBQ</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>LEQ</b>	<b>1 (choice from 2 prompts)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15%</b>

- **Multiple choice questions will ask students to read excerpt/graph/chart/image and answer a set of multiple choice (4 choice) questions**
- **Short answer questions do not require students to develop and support a thesis. Asked to explain (define) and support with examples.**
- **DBQ questions will present a set of SEVEN documents and give students a question based on one of the historical skills. Responses MUST have a thesis and use 6-7 of the documents**
- **LEQ questions will give students two options to write on and expect students to use a historical skill to analyze a course theme. Again, a thesis statement is required.**

# **NO MILITARY HISTORY or TRIVIAL PURSUIT**

- THE APUSH EXAM DOESN'T ASK ABOUT MILITARY HISTORY**

When questions concern war, they will focus on political, social or economic implications, not details of warfare.

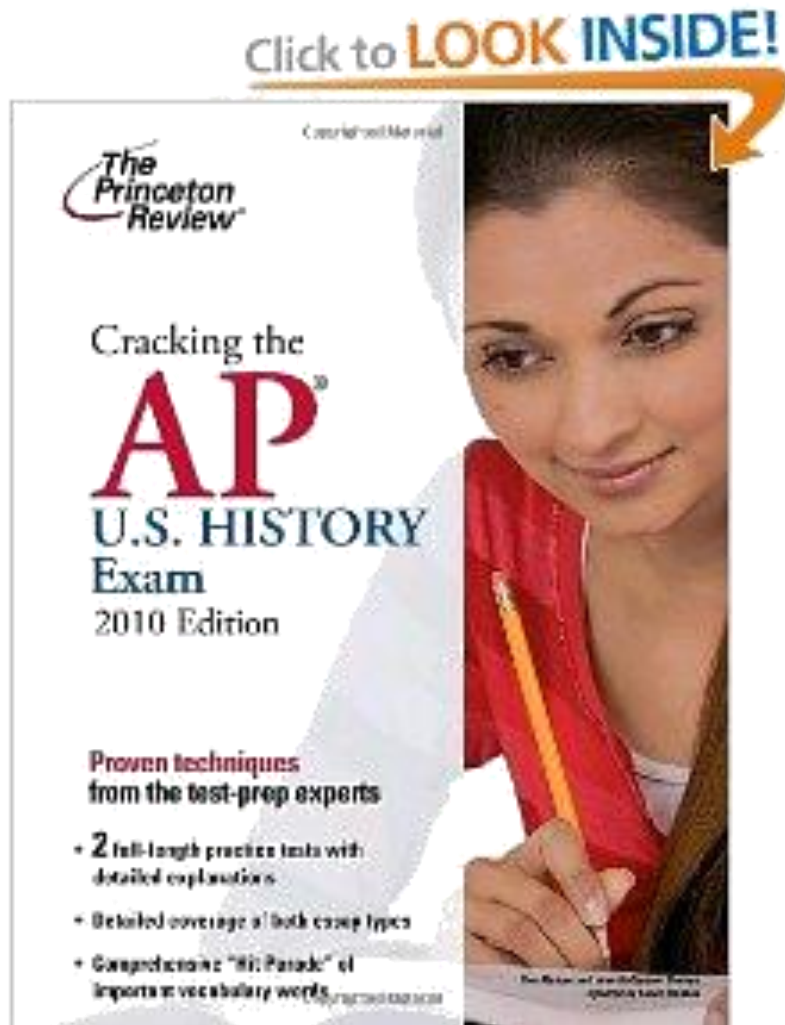
- APUSH QUESTIONS NEVER TEST ROTE MEMORIZATION *ONLY*.**

While students must have mastery of historical facts and data, questions will always place information in the context of larger historical trends.

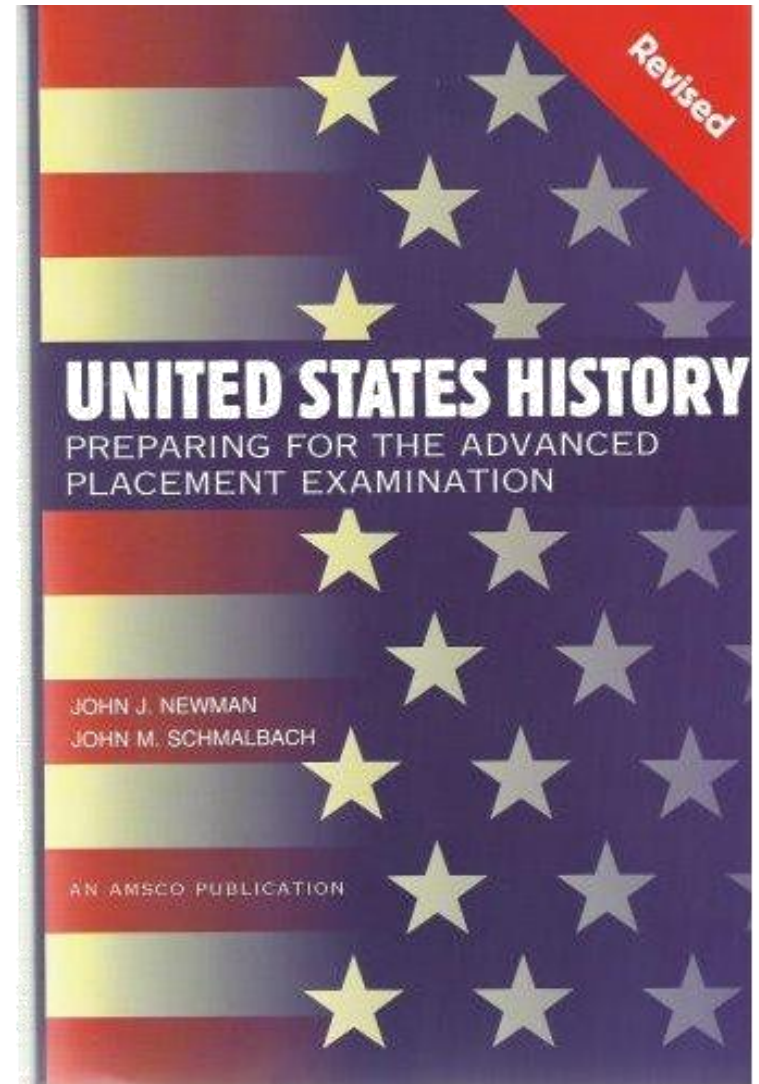
# APUSH DBQ

- The US History DBQ is different than other AP exams.
- For the US exam, you have to not only discuss the documents, but also include outside information to prove that you know more about the topic.
- **Without outside information, it is impossible to get more than a 4 out of 9 on your DBQ!**

# APUSH EXAM RESOURCES



**\$12.91 AMAZON.COM**



**\$28.92 AMAZON.COM**

# **OTHER TOP APUSH WEB RESOURCES**

- **COURSE-NOTES.ORG**
- **HISTORYTEACHER.NET**
- **APNOTES.NET**
- **GH TEAM WEBSITE**
- **FAST TRACK TO A 5**



**QUESTIONS**