

# Course Expectations Planning Guide

## Social Studies

### 512 AP United States History and Geography

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Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

#### **Time Commitment**

3-4 hours per week

#### **Standard Responsibilities**

Advanced Placement U.S. History is a college-level survey course from the pre-Columbian period to the present. The course is a two-semester survey of American history from the age of exploration to present. It provides students with an opportunity to earn college credit by passing the Advanced Placement exam in the second week of May. Having a strong work ethic coupled with solid reading and writing skills are essential to succeeding. Students are responsible for reading at least one chapter (about 40 pages) of *American Pageant* per week. Additionally, students will be evaluated through Document-Based, Short-Answer, and Long-Answer based questions in a timed setting. Multiple choice assessments are given per each unit. Interpretation of primary and secondary documents occurs throughout the year. Cornell note taking strategies skills are implemented daily.

#### **Significant Events**

The methods of evaluation and assessment will include projects, multiple choice tests, short-answer responses, document-based questions, and long essay questions. The culminating event in the course is the Advanced Placement examination in the second week of May.