

**APUSH 1**  
**Summer Assignment**  
**2020**  
**Mr. Borkowski & Mr. Cotter**

Welcome to the world of Advanced Placement United States History. In order to get a head start on our year, you will need to spend some time this summer reading from different sources to prepare for September. It is imperative that you begin these assignments early in the summer to give yourself the time to complete them thoughtfully.

The assignment is posted on Google Classroom. Please join the class so your teacher can establish summer contact with you.

**Class code: 26hrmkj**

If you have any questions, you can email your teacher from the link on Classroom or contact the Social Studies Supervisor, Chris Preston, at [cpreston@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:cpreston@somsd.k12.nj.us).

Have a great summer.

## **Part 2: For Discussion**

Using information from the American Pageant, A People's History of the United States, and 1491, we will begin in September with the following discussion question:

*Both Mann and Zinn call into question the narrative of history that asserts that the Americas were a 'New World', discovered by Europeans. What evidence points to the contrary? How strong is this evidence? Why does the conventional mythology of America's founding still resonate? How does the notion of heroic exploration inform the way we view ourselves as a nation and as a people?*

You do not need to answer these questions in any formal way. Instead, you should come prepared to discuss these questions and the source material during our first week of school.

### **Questions and Concerns**

If you need to contact Cotter, my email is: [jcotter@somdsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:jcotter@somdsd.k12.nj.us)

A group of former APUSH students will be available in the summer to answer questions as well. Their contact info will be posted in Google Classroom.

I cannot guarantee that I will be able to respond the same day to your inquiry, but I will do my best to get back to you.

**DO NOT LEAVE THESE ASSIGNMENTS TO THE LAST MINUTE!**

Have fun!