

Summer APUSH Requirement – Living History AND Reading

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We love history and want you to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for your past and the past of other Americans. You must complete only **1 LIVING HISTORY due Monday, August 28th**. All of the options must be typed in MLA format. Bring a paper copy of this assignment the first day of school.

Option A: Visit the [Minnesota Historical Society](http://www.mnhs.org) and spend time studying any ONE exhibit that especially interests you. Write (type and double space) a 2-paragraph paper detailing your experience. In the first paragraph, explain what you observed. In your second paragraph, explain what you learned from the experience—reflect on the American experience. Please include proof of your visit with your reflection paper. Check out the website for fees and hours of operation. Location is downtown St. Paul near State Capital.

Option B: Visit any OTHER Minnesota Historical Society Site or spot in Minnesota. They are listed at this website. <http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/index.html> Write (type and double space) a 2-paragraph paper detailing your experience. In the first paragraph, explain what you observed. In your second paragraph, explain what you learned from the experience—reflect on the American experience. Please include proof of your visit with your reflection paper.

Option C: Visit a historical site in another state. This is ideal if you are traveling over the summer. Write (type and double space) a 2-paragraph paper detailing your experience. In the first paragraph, explain what you observed. In your second paragraph, explain what you learned from the experience—reflect on the American experience. Please include proof of your visit with your reflection paper.

Summer Reading Requirement

Select a book off the [APUSH Summer Reading](#) list and read it this summer and complete one of the assignment options. You must complete only **1 Summer Reading Requirement due Monday, August 28th**. All of the options must be typed in MLA format. Bring a paper copy of this assignment the first day of school.

NonFiction Option: In one paragraph explain the author's purpose in the book. Why are they writing the book. In a second paragraph state the author's thesis. This is what they are trying to prove in the book and then explain if they were successful in proving the thesis with three to five examples.

Fiction Option: In one paragraph write a summary of the story and a description of the main character. In the second paragraph complete one of the following options. **Option A:** Write 3 diary entries of at least 10 sentences from the main character. The entries should include

historical facts and information and may require some research. **Option B:** Write a new ending to the story based on research of the time period and context. The new ending should be historically plausible for the setting of the story.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I use a book I previously read or a travel experience prior to the summer of 2017?

- No. AP students should have a strong desire to improve their academic skills and the maturity to see that shortcuts don't grow your learning.

2. Besides my summer assignment, how should I prepare for APUSH?

- Read books! You need to have good reading skills for APUSH. Spend the summer reading. Make a goal at the beginning of the summer for the number of books you want to read. Work toward meeting the goal. Try and read one historical fiction piece and one non-fiction piece above and beyond the requirement.
- Read the newspaper! Learn about the current world because in APUSH we connect all things old to the present.

3. How much homework is APUSH?

- Expect about an hour of homework 5 days a week. The homework will seem difficult at first as we are reading a college level textbook and learning college level skills.

4. How do I earn college credit for APUSH?

- You will take a national AP exam in May of 2018 to determine your eligibility for college credit.