

AP US History
History 1301 & 1302 Dual Credit

History is not merely the study of dates and facts; it is so much more complex and intricate than simple text. Next year you will learn how to study cause and effect, expectation and reality, truth and consequence of any and all historical minutiae within the realm of American history. You will learn to make an assertion and defend it to the death with analysis and prior knowledge. In short, you will become a historian in your own right.

In this busy, yet entertaining class we will cover the history of the United States from England's early colonization efforts in the 16th century through the election of President Obama in 2008. To get a jump start on this action-packed year, you are expected to fulfill some foundational work over the summer holiday. Your summer assignment has three parts:

1. Reading: Your first task is to read the fascinating fiction novel Washington's Providence by Chris LaFata. You will then write a one page review analyzing the book. Specific directions follow on a separate sheet of paper. This is due on the second class meeting of the year, on paper, and will be separately uploaded onto turnitin.com during class in order to deter the threat of plagiarism.
2. Pre-Test: Attached is a copy of the exact test that you will be given during the **first** week of September. To be successful on this test, you must be able to use basic recall to learn all of the Amendments to the US Constitution. This will count as your first test grade for AP US History.
3. Memorization: Attached is the text of the Preamble to the Constitution. You will need to be able to recall this in its entirety on the test during the first week of September.