

Dear APUSH students (**AP US History**...get used to it, is just easier this way!),

Get ready for the most challenging class you've ever had in your life; but one that will also be the most rewarding! You will do more work than you ever thought possible over this next year, and more than once you may be tempted to throw in the towel. *Do not give up!* Remember that we are all in this together, and I will be here to help you however I can, every step of the way. I wanted to reach out to you before we all break for the summer to let you know a few of the class expectations, as well as the required summer work (bummer, I know...you have homework before the first day of school!). Here we go...

Class Expectations:

More will be explained in the syllabus you'll receive at the beginning of the year, but here are a few basics.

- It is *assumed* that you are taking this class with the intention of also taking the AP Exam in May 2017.
- AP Courses require students to independently read their textbook, in addition to regular classwork and homework. You will need to complete all assigned readings outside of class by their due dates.
- The APUSH Exam involves a large amount of writing, so naturally we will be doing a lot of writing in class. Be prepared to partner with me to improve your historical writing skills (notice I say "historical writing", it is a different style from what you might need in an English class).

Summer Checklist: (Send all assignments to byrnm@clps.org)

Done ?	Task	Due Date
	Send me an email with your name; email address; your parents' name & their email address; and your favorite moment in history! Sign up for the class Remind account (class code: apushclhs)	On or before: June 30
	Read CH 1 (copied in this packet) and define all "Key Terms" and "People to Know" in your own words (no googling!).	On or before: July 15
	Read CH 2 (copied in this packet) and define all "Key Terms" and "People to Know" in your own words (no googling!).	On or before: August 5
	Summer Reading Questions (Reading Quiz on CH 1-2 on day 2 of school)	First day of School

I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you as we embark together on what promises to be a challenging, yet fun year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email anytime over the summer. Also, start making yourself familiar with my website: www.byrninghistory.weebly.com; you will be using it a lot this year. I hope you enjoy your time off, and come back refreshed for a new school year!

Mr. Byrn