Welcome to AP U.S. History (APUSH)! This class is based on the curricular guidelines set forth by the College Board, and it has been designed to challenge you academically, and to give you a sound understanding of our nation’s history. The primary focus of this course is the study of United States History from discovery and founding, through the present day. We will focus on the historical, geographical, political, economic, and sociological events that influenced the development of the United States, and its resulting impact on the rest of the world.

To prepare you to hit the ground running in August, the following summer assignment is required, and will be due by the end of our first week of school (August 17th). The vocabulary portion will be counted as a quiz grade, which is weighted as 25% of your overall grade for each nine-week grading period. You will also take a quiz over the required novel.

Ten points are lost per day that the vocabulary assignment is late, but it will not be accepted after three days. The assignment must be completed in dark blue or black ink, or typed. Pencil is not permitted on the writing portions of the AP exam, and so is also not acceptable for use in class.

Additionally, if you want to get a head start on acquiring materials for the school year, I require and/or recommend the following items:

**Required:**
- Blue or black ink pens
- A three-ring binder (3in)
- 12 divider tabs labeled as follows:
  - General
  - DBQ
  - SAQ/LEQ
  - Periods 1-9 (nine separate sections)

**Recommended:**
A course review book. Some good ones are:
- *Barron’s AP United States History 3rd Edition* by Eugene V. Resnick, M.A.
- *Fast Track to a Five: AP U.S. History*, by Mark Epstein
**Summer Assignment Part I:** completely define the following terms, noting both who/what/where/when, and the importance of the person or event. These terms cover periods 1-2 of our curriculum.

1. Maize
2. Aridity
3. Hunter gatherer
4. Columbian exchange
5. Feudalism
6. Capitalism
7. Maritime technology (1400-1600)
8. Joint-stock companies
9. Epidemics
10. Encomienda system
11. Slavery
12. Caste system
13. Divergent world views
14. Encroachments
15. Political sovereignty
16. Subjugation of Africans and Native Americans
17. Atlantic economy
18. Commodities
19. Demographic shifts
20. Metacom’s War (King Philip’s War)
21. Pueblo Revolt
22. Pluralism
23. 1st Great Awakening
24. Enlightenment ideas
25. Anglicization
26. Protestant evangelicalism
27. Mercantilist (ism)
28. Indentured servants (servitude)
29. Plantation system
30. Perpetuity (relating to slavery)

**Summer Assignment Part II: Novel** – pay attention to the details of the story, and research the historical background, to prepare for your quiz (given on August 17th).

- *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fennimore Cooper (Mrs. Rodriguez has several copies, it is also available at the public library, on Amazon, and at Barnes & Noble)

Note: Watching the movie will not adequately prepare you for the quiz, but may be helpful if you struggle with the writing style.