

AP United States History Summer Assignment

Respond to the following in a thorough and thoughtful manner. You must write in complete sentences and demonstrate understanding by using **your own words** in your responses. This is an **independent** assignment that requires research and reading (and ample time) for completion. I suggest you not wait until Labor Day weekend to start this assignment!

1. Your assignment is to create an annotated timeline of the **8 events** you feel were most significant in shaping the history of the period in American history from **European exploration of the New World to the start of the Revolutionary War**. This is not simply a “what happened” explanation, but rather, you must show why this event is significant enough that we are even learning about it hundreds of years later. Your response should include the impact or lasting influence of each event.
2. Additionally, you will select **8 individuals** who you believe were the most influential in defining this period. Anyone in this time period is “fair game.” Remember, many people have remained hidden due to their gender, race, or ethnic group, so look beyond these boundaries to uncover the contributions from all segments of American society. Again, this is not just a “He/she was a...” but rather a tribute to this person’s significance and how he or she played a role in shaping our nation’s history.
3. My answer to, “How long should this be?” is that your annotation should be long enough to satisfactorily explain its significance. If you think it can be done in one sentence, think again. Your annotations should be between three to five sentences.
4. Please provide a list of the sources that you used in determining the significant people and events of this era. **You must use at least two different sources** in finding your information and they must be listed in bibliographic format.

If you have any questions, please email me at
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