

**THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**AP UNITED STATES HISTORY**  
**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**  
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Read the first four chapters of **America's History**, and take copious notes. There will be a **major** exam on these readings within the first week that you return in September. The exam will be some combination of short answers and essays:

Special attention should be paid to the following topics within these four chapters:

1. The nature of the Native American World in North America.
2. The nature of traditional European society which shaped its values and attitudes.
3. Factors and forces which helped to explain the expansion of European society to the New World in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.
4. How the various European colonial ventures compared or differed from one another.
5. How the Chesapeake and Massachusetts colonial developments differed from one another.
6. The problems associated with the chronic labor shortage and how it was dealt with.
7. The importance of Bacon's Rebellion.
8. The influence of Puritanism in New England.
9. The theory and practice of mercantilism, and its effects on colonial development.
10. Colonial revolts, such as Leisler's Rebellion, the Paxton Boys and Regulator Movements.
11. The background of the decision to utilize slave labor in the colonies.
12. How slavery impacted colonial development, economically and socially.
13. How colonial society developed and the theory of deference.
14. The nature and significance of the Quaker Experiment.
15. The impact of the Enlightenment and Great Awakening on colonial life.
16. The background of the significance of the French and Indian Wars.

Please note, that these are some major issues your notes should cover, **but you are responsible for all material covered in the first four chapters!**

Completion of Summer Reading Assignment in no way guarantees a placement in AP United States History Course for the 2011 – 2012 School Year.